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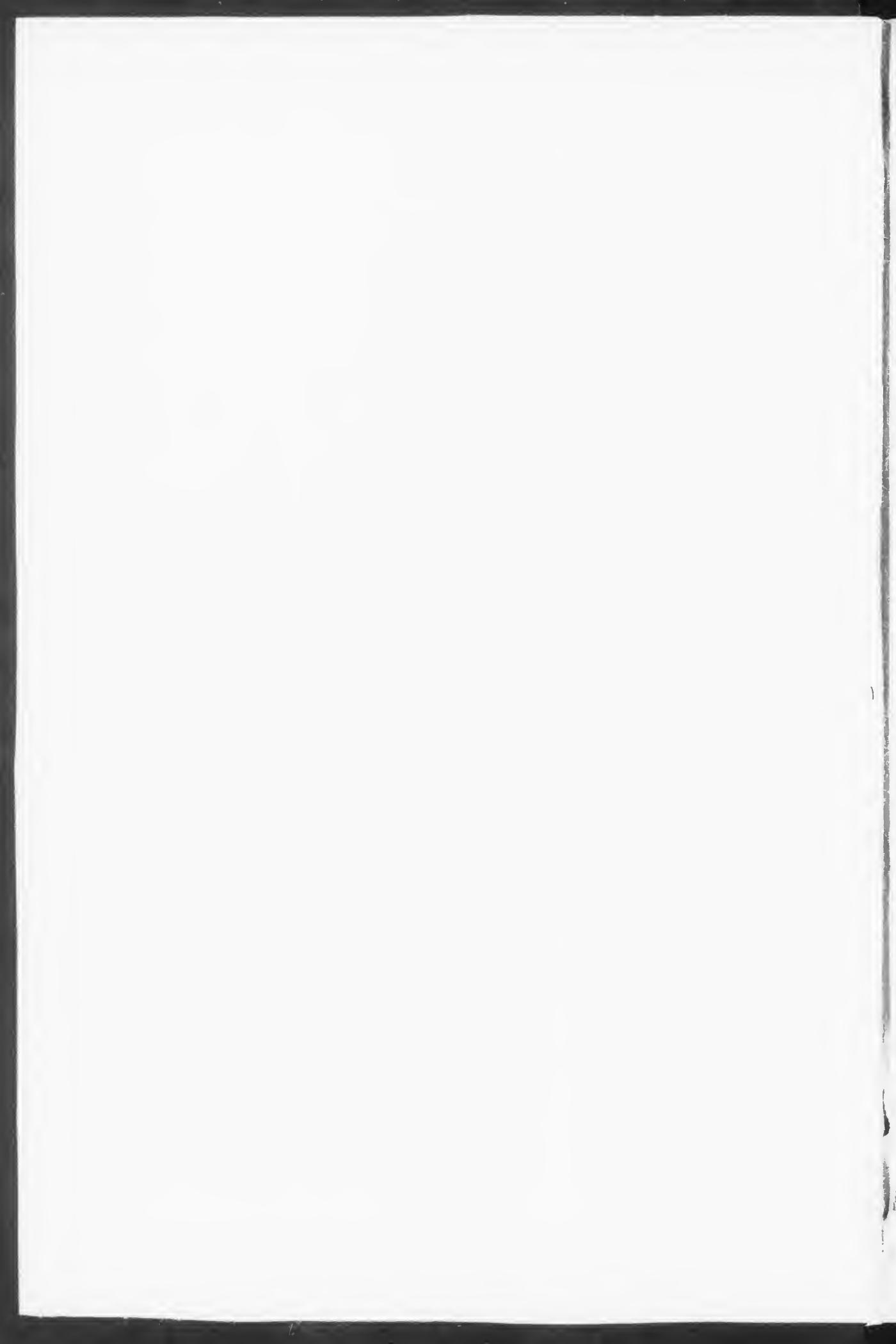
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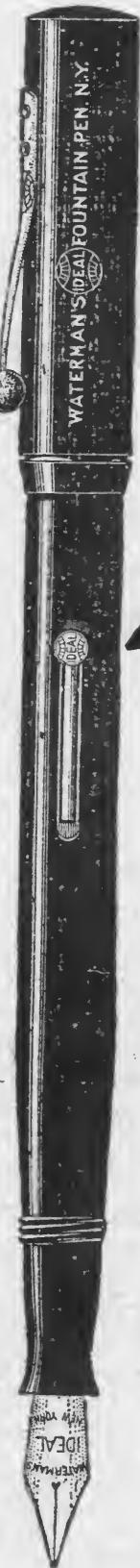
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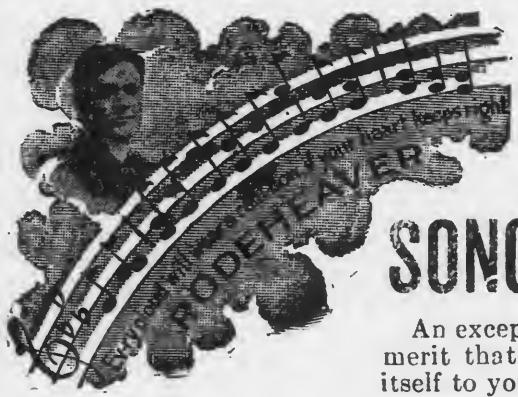
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**Morning Devotional Services**—Thursday, L. F. Warner; Friday, J. A. Wright; Saturday, J. W. Trout; Monday, E. D. Stone; Tuesday, J. L. Ward.

### **Special Committees**

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#### **To Report 1917.**

**On Quantico Church**: L. F. Warner, D. W. Anstine, W. E. Sheppard.

**On Lawsonia Church**: F. T. Benson, A. H. Green, Walter Gibson.

**On Talbot Circuit**: President of the Conference, J. M. Brown, G. W. Dexter.

**On West Wilmington Church**: J. M. Sheridan, J. H. Straughn, T. A. Murray.

**On Middleway Church**: A. W. Ewell, R. L. Shipley, C. B. Wentzell.

**Methodist Hospital Visitation**: F. T. Little, W. H. Litsinger, R. N. Stevens.

**Historical Record**: T. H. Lewis.

**On the Observance of Founder's Day**: President of the Conference, F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, T. W. Donoho.

**To Co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance**: J. M. Gill, G. W. Haddaway, W. H. Litsinger, H. S. Johnson, T. W. Donoho, W. C. Perkins, A. R. Lewis.

#### **Reporting 1916.**

**Re-statement of Law Governing Election of Delegates**: G. R. Hodge, B. A. Bryan, Thos. E. Harrison.

**On Western Maryland College Semi-Centennial Assessment**: J. W. Kirk, T. O. Crouse, F. M. Wilson.

**Nominating Members of Deaconess Board**: W. H. Litsinger, George Hines, W. H. Womersley.

# FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION

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## Preparatory Course

- J. W. KIRK—Binney's Theological Compend.  
T. O. CROUSE—The New Testament. English Grammar.  
W. M. STRAYER—Miller's Clerical Habits and Manners. Merrill's Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.  
J. L. MILLS—Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church. Official Blanks.  
J. W. GRAY—Fisher's Manual of Christian Evidences.

All persons intending to apply for admission on trial will write to the President of the Conference for official blanks, on which application should be made.

All students in the Preparatory Course are required to present a written sermon to the President of the Faculty on or before February 1st of each Conference year.

## First Year's Class

- T. H. LEWIS—"Tillet's Studies in Christian Doctrine."  
J. L. ELDERDICE—Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.  
A written sermon submitted February 1st.  
T. O. CROUSE—English.  
J. M. HOLMES—Nicholl's Help to the Study of the Bible.  
J. W. GRAY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. I.  
B. W. KINDLEY—Sunday School Experience,—Tralle.

Students—W. D. Short, G. A. Robinson, Albert C. Smith, Chas. W. Cole, Jas. Peyton Adams, Austin R. Middleton, J. P. George.

Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Proofs of the Existence of God" to Dr. Lewis on or before February 1st.

## Second Year's Class

- H. L. ELDERDICE—Curtis' Theology, Vol. I. First half.  
S. B. TREDWAY—Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.  
W. M. STRAYER—Fisher's Church History. (Complete).  
J. W. BALDERSTON—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. II.  
D. L. GREENFIELD—A written sermon submitted February 1st.  
B. W. KINDLEY—Training the Teacher—Schauffler.

Students—W. P. Jump, I. S. Owens, Edward T. Kirkley.  
Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "Regeneration," to D. L. Greenfield on or before February 1st.

**Third Year's Class**

F. T. BENSON—Curtis' Theology, Vol. I, Last half. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.  
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W. R. GRAHAM—Lewis' The Divine Credentials.

A. W. MATHER—Miller's Christian Ministry.

The following books are to be read by the class and a written Syllabus presented to the examiners at the time indicated:

W. R. GRAHAM—Peck's "The Revival and the Pastor," submitted November 1st.

A. W. MATHER—Buckley's "Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching," submitted February 1st.

**Students**—J. N. Link, Allan Haldeman.

Seminarians prepare and forward thesis on "The Atonement," on or before February 1st, to F. T. Benson.

Graduates from Westminster Theological Seminary shall not be examined in any of the studies of this course, except in Hebrew, Greek and English and Elocution; but such students shall present each year theses on theological subjects to be appointed by the examiners in Systematic Theology. Graduates from our College who are also graduates from Westminster Theological Seminary are excused from the studies of this course.

All students to be examined in Hebrew and Greek will appear before H. L. ELDERDICE, in Hebrew. 1st year, Ruth, or selections from the Psalms; 2nd year, Malachi, or selections from Isaiah; 3rd year, Jonah, or selections from Job.

J. W. KIRK, in Greek—1st Peter, 1st chapter.

J. L. MILLS will deliver a lecture on the Theory and Practice of our Church Government, and every student is required to attend this lecture and examination, and also to answer the question: "Have you spent a portion of each day in private study of the Word and in prayer?"

The Faculty meets on Tuesday, at 10.00 a. m., to examine students, and at 7.30 p. m., for business.

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate either for reception on trial or into any class of the course, or for orders. Two-thirds will be marked 70. All questions answered, or less three, will be marked 100, and all receiving 100 will be reported to the Conference.

All who are to be placed in the hands of the President are to understand that this action must not necessarily be construed as giving encouragement to the hope of a future reception into the Conference.

J. L. MILLS, President.

J. W. KIRK, Secretary.

# JOURNAL

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Baltimore, Md., April 5th, 1916.

## First Day—Wednesday.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its eighty-eighth session this day in the West Baltimore Methodist Protestant Church, at nine o'clock in the morning. President J. S. Bowers called the Conference to order and conducted a devotional service as follows: Hymn 343 "Oh Could I Speak the Matchless Worth." Prayer, Rev. W. M. Strayer. Scripture; Romans 12, Rev. J. S. Bowers, Hymn 1, "Holy, Holy, Holy". The President calling W. M. Strayer to the chair then read his Annual Report. Following the reading of the report the President's character was passed. (Report A).

The Secretary called the Roll of the Conference, 106 Ministers and 59 Laymen responding to their names. The name of George Roberts McCready, who died Dec. 18, 1915 and J. C. Poston who died March 28, 1916, were transferred to the Memorial Roll.

T. O. Crouse being absent, F. T. Tagg moved that the Secretary Call the Memorial Roll. Motion seconded, put and carried. Whereupon the Secretary read the Memorial Roll, pausing at the name of G. R. McCready, when A. W. Mather, A. Donovan, N. C. Clough and J. H. Straughn made remarks in commemoration of his life and works, and again pausing at the name of J. C. Poston when C. M. Compher and W. A. Melvin spoke in memoriam of him. After the singing of an appropriate hymn started by F. T. Little Conference resumed business.

J. M. Sheridan moved, seconded by E. C. Makosky, that the sixth pew be made the Bar of the Conference. Motion put and carried.

Upon motion of F. T. Little the Conference recessed until two P. M., the benediction being pronounced by W. R. Graham.

## Afternoon.

At two o'clock the President called the Conference to order. The Secretary then made his report in which he made particular reference to the faulty manner in which the credentials of the delegates were being

made and recommended that a committee be appointed to restate the law in the case as already interpreted in our Manual. F. T. Little moved the adoption of this report and the reference of its financial section to the Committee on Audit. After discussion by several brethren the motion prevailed. (Report B). The Secretary hereupon read the report of the Program Committee. Upon motion of F. T. Little the report was adopted with one change; namely, that the messengers of the Women's Boards should be heard at 2.00 o'clock instead of three as scheduled. (Report P).

The appointment of the Standing Committees was here made by the President. (See List). Upon motion of J. M. Sheridan it was decided to hold a Conference Session Friday night at eight P. M., the character of the meeting to be referred to the Program Committee. Upon motion of J. M. Sheridan it was also decided to hold a session Monday night at eight P. M., the character of the meeting to be referred to the Program Committee.

The order of the day at this time, 2.30, being the election of officers, the President appointed as tellers W. H. Litsinger, R. L. Shipley, W. E. Sheppard and F. G. Usilton. The ballot for President was ordered and resulted as follows: 194 votes cast, 98 necessary for a choice;

J. S. Bowers .....	142
G. W. Haddaway .....	21
J. M. Gill .....	14
W. R. Graham .....	12
L. F. Warner .....	3
J. W. Kirk .....	2

J. S. Bowers having received more than the majority was declared elected.

On motion the Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for J. H. Straughn for Secretary. The Secretary then appointed G. I. Humphreys, J. L. Nichols and R. Taylor as his assistants.

The Secretary upon motion was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for J. R. Wright as Steward for 1917. The Secretary was also instructed in like manner to cast the ballot for C. P. Nowlin as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The ballot for the Standing District Committee was then taken, the same tellers serving as for the Presidential election. Upon motion tellers were permitted to retire to count the vote. The ballot for the Committee on Appeals was then taken, A. H. Green, J. T. Bailey, Dr. Totten and A.

R. Lewis being appointed tellers. Upon motion these tellers were permitted to retire to count the vote.

A resolution was here offered by J. M. Sheridan to the effect that the Conference Treasurer's salary be made \$50.00 per year. Adopted. (Resolution 1).

At this time a paper which was the Agreement between the South Baltimore Free Methodist Society (popularly known as the Williams Street Independent Methodist Church), and a committee representing the Maryland Annual Conference was presented by F. T. Little and read by Secretary Straughn. Another paper presented by J. F. Bryan was read by the Secretary in which the South Baltimore Quarterly Conference gave recognition to the Lowe Memorial Methodist Protestant Church. The proposition of this church becoming a Methodist Protestant Church and matters relative thereto were then discussed by F. T. Little, J. W. Trout, W. M. Strayer, G. Q. Bacchus, A. Donovan, J. McL. Brown, J. M. Sheridan, F. T. Tagg, G. W. Haddaway, J. W. Gray, E. C. Makosky, A. W. Mather, J. H. Straughn, B. W. Kindley. After this discussion F. T. Little moved the adoption of both papers and the reference of the financial aspects of the case as outlined in the Agreement to the Committee on Church Extension. Motion seconded, put, and carried unanimously. (Agreement published with Report G, Church Extension). J. F. Bryan made a motion, seconded by G. W. Haddaway, that the Lowe Memorial Methodist Protestant Church be now placed upon the list of appointments of this Conference. Motion carried. The Conference then listened to J. F. Bryan as he spoke of his work in connection with the transfer of this church to the Conference, in which he gave full credit to the many men who had so willingly assisted him. E. D. Stone then addressed the Conference in appreciation of the work of Rev. Thos. Lowe, the pastor for forty years, or since the inception of this remarkable church. A. S. Lowe was then received by the Conference as the Messenger from the Lowe Memorial Church.

The tellers on the election of the Standing District Committee reported as follows: 144 ballots cast; 73 necessary for choice. The following received majorities: Ministers, F. T. Little, W. R. Graham, J. M. Sheridan; Laymen, T. P. Fisher, T. A. Murray, W. G. Baker.

The tellers on the election of the Committee of Appeals reported that the following had received majorities: Ministers, J. L. Mills, J. W. Kirk, and A. W. Mather; Laymen, A. R. Lewis, H. K. Muller, and W. E. Sheppard.

The Secretary was instructed upon motion to send expressions of

sympathy and best wishes to C. E. McCullough who is detained from Conference on account of illness, P. L. Rice, Miss Florence Hammond, on account of the illness of her mother.

Upon motion the Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by J. M. Sheridan.

### Second Day—Thursday.

At nine o'clock the Conference met in devotional service conducted by L. F. Warner. At nine-thirty the President took the chair and called the Conference to order. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. The roll of absentees was then called by the Secretary and those present noted. W. M. Strayer moved the calling of the roll be dispensed with in the future except in case a question of quorum arise. Motion lost.

The Roll of the Charges was called and the Delegates deposited such communications as they had been instructed to present. Reports were also received from the various Boards, Institutions, Agents and Societies within the Conference district and from the special committees appointed at the last Conference. These papers were referred, without reading, to their appropriate committees.

The report of the special committee on Publication of the Manual submitted its report, stating that the Manual had been published at the total cost of \$95.00; that it was now on sale for fifty cents a copy; recommending the appointment of two young ministers to sell the book during the session of this Conference; and its reference to the Auditing Committee. Adopted. (Report T).

The order of the day for ten o'clock was observed, the Ministerial Roll was called and the ministers deposited their reports. The Steward and Treasurer were then permitted to retire that they might prepare their reports.

The Steward appointed W. C. Mumford, J. P. George and Allan Halde man his assistants. The Treasurer appointed Carroll Maddox his assistant.

W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, was then introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of his work. F. T. Tagg addressed the Conference in words of appreciation of the work of W. W. Davis and Dr. Howard Kelly.

The Secretary now read a letter from J. L. Straughn whereupon J.

M. Sheridan moved the appointment of a committee of three to visit brother J. L. Straughn and to convey to him our heartfelt greeting. Motion prevailed. This letter was then referred to the Committee on Official Relations. The President appointed L. F. Warner, J. T. Bailey and Avery Donovan the committee to visit brother J. L. Straughn.

The President appointed the following members of the special committee upon the recommendations in the Secretary's report relating to election of delegates: G. R. Hodge, B. A. Bryan and T. E. Harrison. W. H. Litsinger announced the death of Mrs. Wm. S. Hammond. T. O. Crouse moved that the Conference do here express its appreciation of Sister Hammond and our deep and tender sympathy to Miss Florence Hammond, and that the Secretary forward this expression. Motion prevailed.

The Secretary announced the absence of H. L. Feeman Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work on account of illness.

Rev. L. T. Widerman of the Maryland Bible Society, Rev. F. C. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions; Rev. C. H. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions; Rev. C. E. Wilbur, editor of our Sunday-School literature, and J. B. Mills, representative of the Anti-Saloon League were introduced and each addressed the Conference in the interest of his work.

Dr. J. F. Goucher was then introduced to the Conference and addressed it upon the subject of "Church Union".

After several announcements, and upon motion, the Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Dr. Goucher.

### Afternoon.

The President called the Conference to order at two o'clock. The report of the special committee on Quantico Church was submitted by L. F. Warner, Chairman and read by the Secretary. The report stated the committee had been unable to sell the Church property and recommended the continuance of a committee on Quantico Church for another year. Report adopted. (Report W).

The special committee on Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts for last year submitted its report, stating they had examined the accounts of the Conference Treasurer and found them correct. Report adopted. (See Report Q).

A resolution relative to the Liquor Traffic was offered by J. W. Barse

and L. B. Smith, read by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

The Conference Educational Endowment Society submitted its report which was read by the Secretary and upon motion of J. W. Gray was adopted. (Report R).

Next the Conference listened to the report of the Special Committee on Visitation to the Methodist Hospital which report commended the work and plans of the Hospital and at the same time urged a greater consideration of its needs. After discussion by F. T. Little and F. T. Tagg the report was referred to the committee on Benevolent Agencies. (Report U) (See Report L).

J. M. Sheridan at this time requested a leave of absence for tomorrow morning in order that he might attend the funeral of the daughter of C. E. McCullough. Request granted.

The order of the day was then observed and Mrs. Hupfield, president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was introduced and addressed the Conference, urging that a local Foreign Missionary Branch be organized on every charge. Next the Conference heard Mrs. J. B. Mills, Mrs. W. C. Perkins and Mrs. T. J. Wilson, each of whom spoke of the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The next speaker introduced to the Conference was Rev. Geo. R. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, who explained the way by which a candidate for ministerial aid might receive the same.

The Secretary of the Deaconess Board asked that permission be granted it to present to the Conference the two deaconesses then present. Upon motion of E. C. Makosky request was granted and Miss DeMoss and Miss Lewis were then introduced and asked for the greater co-operation of the Conference in their work.

J. W. Trout, chairman of the Committee on Official Relations moved that Rev. G. R. Brown be heard by the Conference on behalf of the Board of Young People's Work in place of its Secretary, Dr. Feeman, who is detained at Westminster on account of illness. Motion prevailed.

A request was read by the Secretary from P. L. Rice requesting superannuation on account of his illness. Request referred to the Committee on Superannuates. A request from Rev. C. E. McCullough for superannuation was also received and referred to same committee.

The Standing District Committee submitted its report stating it had discharged its duties, and had accepted the invitation of the West Balti-

more Church to entertain this Conference upon the same terms as was extended to the entertaining church of last year. Upon motion this report was adopted. (Report S).

The Secretary read the report of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference including the sub-report of the Treasurer of this Board and the affidavit to its correctness by T. W. Donoho, auditor. Report adopted. (Report D). Upon motion of J. W. Kirk, F. T. Little and G. W. Haddaway, ministers; J. H. Roberts and F. K. Herr, laymen, were made trustees of the Conference with the terms expiring in 1919.

F. T. Little, on account of a severe cold, was excused from attendance at the Tabernacle this night, where the Conference had a reservation to attend the evangelistic service conducted by Rev. W. A. Sunday.

Conference then adjourned with the benediction by W. D. Litsinger.

### Third Day—Friday.

After a devotional service conducted by J. A. Wright, Conference was called to order at 9.30 with the President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last day were read and approved. Upon motion all reference to leave of absence granted the President from attending the Tabernacle service was stricken from the minutes. This was done because the President attended the service.

The Roll of absentees was then called by the Secretary. C. Q. Snyder the alternate from Centerville and Emmet Gover the alternate from St. Pauls were seated in place of the delegates who were not present. B. A. Bryan was excused during Saturday morning in order that he might attend a funeral.

A resolution was next offered by F. T. Tagg upon request of W. W. Davis, the Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, memorializing the General Conference that it provide more time in the sessions of the annual conferences for the consideration of the claims of the Sabbath. Resolution adopted and referred to Committee on Moral Reform. (Resolution 3).

Another resolution was offered by J. W. Barse, in which certain Sabbath desecrations were severely condemned and with which resolution the Conference concurred. (Resolution 2). At this point in the proceedings the Conference paused for a song service conducted by E. D. Stone and a prayer by D. L. Greenfield.

The special committee on Frederica Church submitted its report,

and upon motion the report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (Report AA).

F. T. Tagg moved that the report of the Deaconess Board be now read. Motion lost, as the report would be considered in connection with the Benevolent Agencies Committee Report. (See Report L).

The order of the day for 10:30 o'clock was next observed and T. H. Lewis, President of the Western Maryland College, addressed the Conference; outlining in brief the fifty years' history of the Institution. President Lewis concluded his address with the motion that we increase the Western Maryland College assessment for the next year from five to fifteen cents as a special semi-centennial offering to the College. F. T. Little stated for the Committee on Literature and Education that his committee was favorable to the resolution. After general discussion a substitute was offered by G. W. Haddaway and L. B. Smith that a committee of three be appointed to apportion among the Sunday-schools of the district according to their ability to pay the sum of \$5000 as a special semi-centennial assessment offering to the endowment fund of Western Maryland College and that said committee print the same in the minutes. Substitute adopted by a vote of 64 to 33. The following were appointed members of this committee. J. W. Kirk, T. O. Crouse and F. M. Wilson. (Report V).

The committee on Pulpit Supply submitted its report, G. I. Humphreys reading the same, as Chairman. J. W. Trout and Louis Randall were excused from preaching by the Conference. Upon motion of G. W. Haddaway the report was then adopted.

J. L. Ward and C. R. Strausburg were appointed a committee of two on the Sale of the Manual. After several announcements and upon motion Conference adjourned until two o'clock, the benediction being pronounced by T. O. Crouse.

### Afternoon.

Conference was called to order at two o'clock by the President and at once recessed to give place to the Electoral College. After the Electoral College adjourned the President again took the chair, calling the Conference to order.

The Committee on Middleway Church submitted its report which was read and adopted, the committee being continued another year. (Report

X). W. H. Womersley, delegate from 1st Church Washington, D. C., was excused upon his request until Monday.

At this time H. L. Elderdice, President of the Westminster Theological Seminary was presented and laid before the Conference the condition and claims of the Seminary. He asked for help in enlarging the library, refurnishing the dormitories, increasing the endowment, and scholarships.

The President at this time called T. O. Crouse to the chair.

Chas. Reiner, Jr., the Agent of the Methodist Protestant Book Concern of this City, next addressed the Conference as to his work. T. R. Woodford then addressed the Conference in commendation of the work of Mr. Reiner.

Avery Donovan asked to be excused from preaching Sunday. His request was referred to the Pulpit Supply Committee.

B. W. Kindley asked to be excused for Saturday and G. Q. Bacchus until Monday. Requests granted.

The Conference then adjourned to meet at eight P. M., benediction being pronounced by J. W. Trout.

### Evening.

The evening session was a public meeting devoted to young people's work and was in charge of F. T. Benson. Short addresses were made by C. E. Wilbur and C. M. Compher, followed by an open discussion.

### Fourth Day—Saturday.

After devotional services conducted by J. W. Trout, the President called the Conference to order at 9.30 A. M.

The minutes were read and approved.

A partial report of the Faculty of Instruction was then read recommending to the Conference that it ordain J. N. Link and E. T. Kirkley provided they pledge in open Conference to pursue their studies until passed by the Faculty. Upon motion this report was adopted and the required pledge given. (See Report F).

The Conference Treasurer asked authority to pay the full claim of Mrs. B. P. Truitt to T. P. Fisher to whom she had assigned it. Upon motion of F. T. Little the authority was granted.

J. M. Sheridan requested that C. F. Bregle the alternate for Broadway

be seated in place of the delegate who is compelled to be absent the remainder of the session. Request granted.

The order of the day was then observed and the Conference recessed that the Electoral College might meet. At 10.55 the President resumed the chair.

J. M. Sheridan asked that permission be granted the Committee on Superannuates to retire. Granted.

At this time J. W. Kirk obtained the floor and after words of praise for the life and work of our brother, W. R. Graham while in the active ranks of our Conference, presented his request for superannuation. After the Conference paused for prayer in which it was led by J. M. Gill, this request was unanimously referred to the Superannuate Committee.

The report of the Committee on Literature and Education was then read by the Secretary. It was decided upon motion that the Conference act upon this report at this time and that it be acted upon seriatum. Upon motion of F. T. Little Item I dealing with literature was adopted. Item II, dealing with the college and asking co-operation in its semi-centennial was then adopted. Item III, dealing with the Seminary was then adopted. The Report as a whole was then adopted. (Report I).

The Committee on President's Report submitted its report signed by its chairman, W. H. Litsinger. After being read by the Secretary and upon motion this report was adopted. (Supplement to Report A).

The special committee on recommendations in the Secretary's report next presented its report in which was offered a substitute for regulation XIX of the Manual to the effect that the pastor of a charge should never sign a delegate's credential and to the effect that a delegate whose credentials should be so signed shall not be given a seat in the Conference. After discussion by many brethren and the time being extended G. A. Morris moved to amend by striking out the item forbidding pastors signing the credential. This amendment was declared lost. J. F. Bryan and G. I. Humphreys questioned the decision and called for a division. The division showed 31 votes for the amendment and 35 against, thus sustaining the chair. It was then moved to amend by striking out the last item referring to the penalty. This amendment was carried. Upon motion the report as amended was then adopted. (Appended to Report B).

At this time T. J. Lambert, D. D., and W. A. Therrell, D. D., were introduced to the Conference.

The time was extended in order to await the report of the judges of the Electoral College.

The President of the Faculty read another partial report recommending that certain men be received into the Conference. Upon motion action was postponed until there should be better attendance at the Conference.

The following men were granted leave of absence until Monday: A. A. Harryman, J. M. Gill, E. A. Sexsmith, and the following for the remainder of the session: G. H. Stocksdale, and W. A. Wright, delegate from New Market.

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### Fifth Day—Sunday.

The ordination sermon was preached by George Hines, the Conference appointee. The subject of the sermon was "The Ideals of Jesus", and the text Mark 13:1-2, "And as he went out of the temple, one of the disciples said unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here. And Jesus answering said unto him, seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Following the sermon John Nicholas Link and Edward T. Kirkley were ordained to the office of elder in the Church of Christ by the President of the Conference, in which service he was assisted by several of the ministers of the Conference.

The evening sermon was preached by J. H. Straughn.

### Sixth Day—Monday.

After the devotional service conducted by J. F. Wooden the President opened the business session of the Conference. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved. The roll of absentees was called and the Secretary by a motion was instructed to mark "present" all whom he personally knew to have been present during some of the Conference sessions.

The Conference then gave place to the annual meeting of the Mutual Relief Association, the minutes of which meeting appearing among the "Societies". Following this meeting the chairman of the Committee on

be seated in place of the delegate who is compelled to be absent the remainder of the session. Request granted.

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The following men were granted leave of absence until Monday: A. A. Harryman, J. M. Gill, E. A. Sexsmith, and the following for the remainder of the session: G. H. Stocksdale, and W. A. Wright, delegate from New Market.

Conference at this time recessed giving place to the Electoral College. After the adjournment of the Electoral College, Conference resumed to adjourn upon motion, benediction being pronounced by W. M. Strayer.

### Fifth Day—Sunday.

The ordination sermon was preached by George Hines, the Conference appointee. The subject of the sermon was "The Ideals of Jesus", and the text Mark 13:1-2, "And as he went out of the temple, one of the disciples said unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here. And Jesus answering said unto him, seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Following the sermon John Nicholas Link and Edward T. Kirkley were ordained to the office of elder in the Church of Christ by the President of the Conference, in which service he was assisted by several of the ministers of the Conference.

The evening sermon was preached by J. H. Straughn.

### Sixth Day—Monday.

After the devotional service conducted by J. F. Wooden the President opened the business session of the Conference. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved. The roll of absentees was called and the Secretary by a motion was instructed to mark "present" all whom he personally knew to have been present during some of the Conference sessions.

The Conference then gave place to the annual meeting of the Mutual Relief Association, the minutes of which meeting appearing among the "Societies". Following this meeting the chairman of the Committee on

Statistics was given the floor and read a list of charges whose reports were defective. He requested that the pastors immediately consult him in order that the reports might be passed on by the Board of Finance.

The Electoral College went into session at 10.25 and on the resumption of Conference business a meeting of the Conference Church Extension Society was held. (See "Societies" for report of this meeting).

At 12.30 the Conference was again in session and the chairman of the Church Extension Committee presented four recommendations as a partial report. They were each adopted embodying the following: Laying an assessment of \$5000 on the district and rescinding the rule limiting the Committee to appropriations of not over \$5000. (See Report G).

A short session of the Electoral College was had at this time following which a resolution instructing the Board of Finance to lay an assessment of \$1000 on the District for General Conference expenses was offered and adopted. (Resolution 4).

F. T. Tagg pronounced the benediction.

### Afternoon.

The Secretary announced the absence of the President and the Conference by motion instructed F. T. Little to take the chair.

The report of the Committee on Moral Reform was read in which was rehearsed the attitude of the Church towards the abuses of the Sabbath and the desire seeking the elimination of vicious practices and customs. A committee of seven was authorized that should co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance. The report was then adopted. (Report K).

The report of the Superannuate Committee recommending an assessment of \$4500 granting superannuate relations to W. R. Graham, C. E. McCullough and P. L. Rice, and making appropriations was read and according to rule was laid on the table for twenty four hours. The delegate from Deer Creek was excused from further attendance. The Electoral College was in session from 2.30 to 2.45. On motion of J. F. Bryan it was decided to hold a business session this evening.

On motion of G. W. Haddaway the deferred partial report of the Faculty recommending the reception of candidates into the Conference was postponed until the evening session to accommodate the time of the President.

The report of the Committee on Missions was submitted. It empha-

sizes the observance of the Easter service, that pastors preach at least one sermon a year on Missions and that assessments for the two Boards be raised as early in the year as possible. The report was then adopted. (Report N).

By unanimous consent the report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies relating to the Deaconess work and the Methodist Hospital was considered, the reports on the two institutions being considered at this time. The Conference felt itself unable to give an expression about the purchase of a property for the deaconess home preferring to leave that matter with the Board. The reports of the Deaconess Board and the Hospital committee was adopted separately and then was followed by the adoption of the committee report. (Report L).

A resolution offered by G. W. Haddaway that pastors be requested to secure the General Conference assessment and forward the same to the Conference Treasurer by May 1 was adopted after the words "and Boards of Stewards" were inserted after the words "pastors". (Resolution 5).

The Secretary stated that at the instance of the President he had consulted railroad officials about fares to the General Conference and after considering all items of expense gave as his opinion that an assessment of \$1000 would not be sufficient. G. I. Humphreys moved a reconsideration of the resolution fixing the amount at that figure but it failed to carry.

The report of the Conference Steward was received and according to rule was laid on the table for twenty four hours for inspection.

The report of the Committee on Our Church Home reviews the work of the Home for the year and carried with it the reading of the report of the Board of Lady Visitors and the Treasurer. The recommendation of the usual assessment was adopted and the report as a whole was adopted. (Report O).

A special committee composed of H. S. Johnson, E. A. Sexsmith and W. H. Womersley was appointed to visit Brother McCullough and instructed to convey to him the fellowship of the Conference.

After a short session of the Electoral College the Conference took a recess till the evening session at 8.00 o'clock.

### **Evening.**

The Conference met at eight P. M. with the President in the Chair. A song service was conducted by E. D. Stone, after which the order of the day

was observed and the partial report of the Faculty of Instruction was considered. This report recommended: 1. That A. C. Smith, J. P. George, C. W. Cole, G. A. Robinson, A. R. Middleton and J. P. Adams be received on trial; 2. That C. N. Alexander, H. L. Murphy, P. M. Schauer, F. K. McCorkle, L. E. Haddaway, H. E. Norris, C. S. Larrimore, H. Dobson, A. F. T. Raum be placed in the hands of the President. Upon motion of F. T. Little, item 1 was adopted and upon motion of J. H. Straughn item 2 was adopted; the partial report as a whole was then adopted. (See Report F).

The Conference then gave place to the Electoral College. The Conference resumed business after the Electoral College recessed.

J. W. Kirk, as Chairman of the committee to lay upon the district the special Semi-Centennial offering for Western Maryland College, stated the committee was divided as to the correct interpretation of their instructions. He therefore asked the Conference to decide whether the \$5000 stated in the instructions was in addition to the regular assessment or inclusive of the same. After discussion by J. H. Straughn, B. A. Bryan, F. M. Wilson, J. L. Nichols, F. T. Little, J. F. Bryan, L. B. Smith and S. B. Tredway, J. H. Straughn moved to reconsider the vote on the Smith-Haddaway resolution. Carried. F. T. Little moved to amend the resolution by striking out \$5000 and inserting in its place \$3500. This amendment seconded by L. B. Smith was put and carried, followed by the adoption of the resolution as amended. (See Report V).

The resolution was now offered by G. W. Haddaway and F. T. Benson providing that our regular assessment for College Endowment be made \$1500 a year and hereafter be levied without reference to the per capita basis of scholars in our Sunday School. After discussion this resolution was carried. (Resolution 6). Appointment of a committee was here authorized to nominate five members of the Board of Managers of the deaconess work in place of the five whose terms expire with this conference.

The Special Committee on Lawsonia charge submitted its report to the effect that the mortgage on the parsonage had been foreclosed and the proceeds applied to the church debt. Report adopted. (Report Z).

C. P. Nowlin at this time offered a resolution, proposing a change in the stationing authority of the Conference from the President to a Committee of five. Upon motion of the Secretary this resolution was made the order of the day for Tuesday at 10.30 A. M. The Conference here gave place to the Electoral College. At 10.13 the Conference resumed. President in the Chair.

F. T. Tagg asked to be excused from the session of tomorrow in order that he might officiate at a funeral. F. T. Little addressed the Conference in appreciation of John Mason, the deceased, whose funeral F. T. Tagg was to attend. Upon motion the words of F. T. Little were adopted as the sentiment of the Conference and he was requested to reduce them to writing, which follows:

Brother President: The editor of the Methodist Protestant is going to officiate at the funeral of the late Mr. John Mason, one of the very oldest Methodist Protestants in the State of Maryland. He became a member of our Calvary Church in the town of Easton almost, if not quite, seventy years ago and was a loyal, faithful, useful man, having filled various official positions in the local church, and many times represented it as delegate in the Annual Conference. He was a man of more than ordinary mental qualities, with sound judgment and excellent business abilities, all of which were promptly and unreservedly at the service of his church and pastor, and his friends and business associates as well.

It was my privilege to be his pastor for six consecutive years from 1883 to 1889. In my relations with him, which were close and in a measure confidential, I found him true, sincere and always reliable. He had only kind words of appreciation for all the pastors who had served the church through the long years of his association with it, and claimed them all as his friends. He was a good citizen, a humble follower of his divine Master and every way worthy of the confidence, esteem and praise of his fellow men. I take pleasure in moving that the request of the editor, to be excused from attendance upon the session of the Conference tomorrow in order that he may assist in the last solemn rights over the remains of our worthy brother in Christ, be granted. The motion was unanimously carried.

F. T. Tagg requested that the suggestion of the President of the General Conference to the annual conferences to observe Founder's Day May 14, 1916, be given consideration before the adjournment of Conference. The benediction was then pronounced by J. W. Trout.

### Seventh Day—Tuesday.

After devotional service conducted by N. C. Clough in the absence of the regular appointee the president opened the business session. The minutes were read and approved. On the final roll call the following had not

reported at the Conference: Ministers; J. L. Straughn, E. H. VanDyke, C. E. McCullough, Dorsey Blake, P. L. Rice. Laymen; Frank M. Bell, Milbourn Heath, Harry C. Robinson, Charles Frederick, W. E. Ellis, J. F. Spence, George Wainwright, W. T. Stevens, Ernest F. Horsey, R. C. Wood, B. F. Pumphrey, Blair Price, Charles Shepard, W. P. Whaley.

J. T. Bailey submitted verbally the report of the special committee to visit J. L. Straughn, stating the committee had visited the brother and returned his greetings to the Conference. At this time there were appointed the following committees: The Committee of Seven on Co-operation with the Lord's Day Alliance, J. M. Gill, W. H. Litsinger, G. W. Haddaway, H. S. Johnson, T. W. Donoho, W. C. Perkins, A. R. Lewis. Committee on Deaconess Board Nominations: W. H. Litsinger, Geo. Hines, W. H. Womersley.

The report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society was then read by the Secretary and upon motion referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

J. W. Trout submitted a partial report from the Committee on Official Relations, as follows: 1, That E. H. VanDyke be loaned to the Board of Foreign Missions for another year; 2, R. T. Tyson be loaned to the Board of Home Missions that he might supply First Church, Seattle; 3, That T. R. Woodford be loaned to the same board that he might serve Grace Church, Columbus, Ohio; 4, That W. B. Judefind be granted a supernumerary relation. The report was adopted,—seriatum.

1—Upon motion of F. C. Klein, granted; 2—Upon motion of W. A. Melvin, granted; 3—Upon motion of A. S. Beane, granted; 4—Upon motion of W. A. Melvin, granted. Partial report was then adopted as a whole. (See Report M).

C. M. Adams, collector for the Superannuate Fund submitted his report, stating his duty fulfilled, \$116 raised and handed over to the Treasurer. Report adopted and committee discharged with thanks.

Special committee on West Wilmington Church submitted its report, stating the church had been visited, that progress had been manifested this year, that the future seemed to be brighter and recommended that the committee be continued another year with authority to act in the best interest of the Conference. Report adopted. (Report Y).

The Conference here gave place to the Electoral College. After the Electoral College adjourned Conference resumed, the Treasurer obtaining the floor, and reading his annual report. (Report C).

The order of the day for 10.30 was observed and the Nowlin resolu-

tion on change of the stationing authority was considered. This resolution provided for a stationing committee to consist of two ministers and two laymen and the President. W. M. Strayer moved to table this resolution but later, with the consent of the Conference, withdrew the same. Resolution was then discussed by C. P. Nowlin, J. H. Straughn, F. T. Little, J. McLain Brown and J. M. Sheridan. J. L. Nichols made a motion to adopt the paper. To this motion W. M. Strayer and J. M. Gill spoke. Motion lost.

At 11.35 Conference gave place to the Electoral College. At 11.45 Conference reassembled. The floor was obtained by T. H. Lewis, who spoke on the resolution offered last night by G. W. Haddaway and F. T. Benson, asking that the conference increase the amount of the College assessment sufficiently to make its return equal to the amount now being obtained by the College. J. H. Straughn moved to reconsider the vote upon this resolution. Motion seconded by G. W. Haddaway, put and carried. The Secretary then moved to amend the resolution by striking out "\$1500" and inserting "\$1850" in its place. This amendment was adopted and the amended resolution carried. (Resolution 6). It now being twelve o'clock the conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by J. L. Mills.

### Afternoon.

At two o'clock the President called the Conference to order; the minutes of this morning were read and approved. At 2.10 the Conference gave place to Electoral College. At 2.25 the Conference reconvened, the President calling F. T. Little to the Chair.

The Special Committee To Nominate Members of the Deaconess Board recommended the election of the following: F. T. Tagg, H. K. Muller, A. W. Totten, Mrs. W. C. Schriver and Mrs. Fred Donoho. Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates having been held over 24 hours, according to rule, was then read by the Secretary and upon motion this report was then adopted as a whole.

At 2.40 Conference gave place to the Electoral College and resumed business at 2.50 when a resolution fixing the Secretary's compensation at \$50.00 per year was offered by H. L. Schlincke and F. T. Benson. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 7).

The collector for Church Extension, W. F. Bauscher, submitted his report stating he had performed his duties, had collected \$119, which sum

had been turned over to the Conference Treasurer. Report adopted, and the collector discharged with thanks.

M. B. Inesco, collector for the Sexton, reported he had raised \$30 which sum was upon the Secretary's desk. Upon motion this money was ordered paid to G. I. Humphreys, pastor of the entertaining church. Report adopted and the collector discharged with thanks.

The report of the Board of Finance was next presented by Louis Randall, its Chairman. It contained the General Conference and regular assessments, and was adopted by the Conference without reading. (Report E). (Tables).

The report of the Stewards having been held over for 24 hours, according to rule, was next considered and adopted. (Tables).

The Special Committee to Apportion the Special Semi-Centennial Assessment for Western Maryland College next presented its report, which was adopted without reading. (Report V).

The Standing District Committee at this time recommended that \$100 be paid by the Treasurer to G. I. Humphreys for the Committee of the West Baltimore Church to meet the arrears in expenses of this church in entertaining the Conference. After discussion by the Secretary, F. T. Little and Louis Randall, this resolution was adopted. (Resolution 8).

Upon motion the Committee on Publication of the Historical Record was instructed to proceed with the said publication and present the bill for same at the 1917 session of the Conference.

At three o'clock Conference recessed that the Electoral College might meet and was called to order again at 3.12.

J. W. Barse, delegate from N. Carolina Ave. Church asked to be excused after this afternoon session. Request granted.

The report of the Faculty of Instruction (its final report) was read by J. L. Mills. After the reading, the last item of the report was changed to the effect that those recommended to receive license to administer the ordinances should receive such only upon the condition that they were being used by the President. The report as a whole was then adopted. (Report F).

G. W. Haddaway and W. F. Wright offered a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to borrow an amount sufficient to defray expenses to the next General Conference. Resolution adopted. (Resolution 9).

At 3.20 the Conference gave place to the Electoral College. After the adjournment of the Electoral College the Conference met and at once

gave place, upon motion of E. C. Makosky, to the Superannuated Fund Society. After the adjournment of the Superannuated Fund Society the Conference resumed at 4.05 P. M. and gave place immediately to the Electoral College.

At 4.12 the Conference met again with F. T. Little in the chair and upon motion of T. O. Crouse recessed to meet at eight o'clock tonight, the benediction being pronounced by S. F. Cassen.

### **Evening.**

After song service and a meeting of the Electoral College the Conference was called to order at 8.20 P. M., F. T. Little presiding.

The report of the Committee on Audit finding all accounts correct, was read by the Secretary and upon motion adopted. (Report Q).

The report of the Committee on Official Relations was read by the Secretary. Upon motion the names of St. Paul's, Park Road, Taylor Memorial, were removed from the item of the report referring to incorporation of churches. Louis Randall, Chairman of the Board of Finance, explained to the Conference that Baltimore Circuit should be on the Honor Roll and suggested that it be so placed. Suggestion accepted by the Committee. The item recommending that F. D. Reynolds be left without appointment for one year, at his own request, was then adopted. W. H. Litsinger moved that the name of Laurel be stricken from the list (not providing disciplines) in which it appears in view of the explanation offered by the pastor of this charge. Motion carried. After discussion by F. T. Little, T. O. Crouse, R. L. Shipley, W. M. Strayer, the report was adopted down to the item thanking our hosts for their entertainment. The item extending the thanks of the Conference to the Pastor and people of West Baltimore Church was then passed by a rising vote. The report as a whole was then adopted. (Report M).

The final report of the Committee on Statistics was then read by J. A. Dudley, Chairman, and adopted with thanks to the committee. (See Tables).

The report of the Committee on Young Peoples work was next read by the Secretary and after discussion by F. T. Benson and J. L. Nichols was adopted. (Report J).

The final report of the Committee on Church Extension was then presented by G. W. Haddaway, Chairman, and read by the Secretary. After

the committee had accepted the suggestions to make the Calvary appropriation read \$160 and the Waverly appropriation, \$200, the report as a whole was adopted. (Report G).

The committee to visit C. E. McCullough reported they had visited him, that they had found him improved and appreciative of our thoughtfulness in his behalf. Report adopted.

Upon motion the Conference reenacted resolution 13, page 112 of the Minutes of 1915, giving to the Standing District Committee authority to make arrangements for Conference entertainment in the absence of an invitation for 1917. (Resolution 10).

Upon motion of F. T. Tagg a committee of three, consisting of two ministers and one layman, the President acting as Chairman, was ordered appointed to consider and publish plans for Founder's Day, May 14, 1916, if in their judgment such be advisable. (Resolution 11). The committee on Founder's Day: F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan and T. W. Donoho.

Motion made and seconded that the verbal report of the committee to visit J. L. Straughn made earlier in the day to be adopted. Motion carried.

The Secretary asked the sanction of the Conference to place on sale the Manual of the Conference which was granted.

The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions were then read.

J. M. Gill moved to amend the minutes by striking out all reference to the lost amendments offered to the report of the Committee on Superannuates. Amendment carried.

Upon motion the minutes as amended were adopted.

The President then read the plan of appointments and the Conference adjourned with the benediction.

J. S. BOWERS,

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

President.

# REPORTS

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## Report A

### THE PRESIDENT.

TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:—

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

By the favor of a gracious providence we are brought to the opening of this the eighty-eighth session of our well beloved Conference. The rapidly passing months have given to some of us no time to fret or weep. To others it has left us days of deep regret, regret because of duties poorly done or sorrows which must be born alone. And yet we join our hands in glad acclaim that God, even our own God hath blessed us and caused His face to shine upon us. We can thank God today that our active ranks have not been broken by death. Two are not here to answer to their names at roll call—They have crossed the silent river. Once amid the toiling soldiers, now they rest from their labors. Let us reverently listen to the calling of the names of

### Our Translated Dead.

Rev. G. R. McCready.—He joined this Conference as a probationer in 1880 just one year before me. He was ordained in 1883. His career was useful while he was about the business of his Lord. He gave to the Conference 28 years of active service.

The last seven years of his life he spent in Laurel, Del. After a long illness he closed his eyes in death, Dec. 18th, 1915.

Rev. J. C. Poston.—Information has reached me of the sudden death of this beloved brother. He was supernumerary in connection with our church at Lynchburg, Va. He joined this Conference by Transfer from the Virginia Conference in 1913. He was a sweet tempered and kindly disposed man. He died on the 28th of March and was buried from Tyreanna church March the 30th.

During the year the widow of one of our departed brethren has passed away—

Mrs. Anna Bell Truitt, widow of the late Rev. B. P. Truitt. She was the last of her family to go. Steadily she watched at the bedside of all of them and then too she soon sank to rest. Obituary committees were promptly appointed.

Others amidst our laity have heard the call to stop. Fred. C. Ritchie, of Newark, N. J., a generous, big hearted man. O. C. Somers of

Starr Church, Baltimore, an attractive layman. John L. Yater, faithful, practical, and prayerful. Abram Anstine, long lived and honorable.

Break from his throne, illustrious morn,  
Attend, O earth, his sovereign word  
Restore thy trust; a glorious form  
Shall then ascend to meet the Lord.

#### Charges left to be Supplied.

CHESACO. This is a new and fairly promising work. A small chapel has been built and about finished. Rev. H. S. Johnson was given charge in connection with his large work at Calvary. The board of Managers of the Maryland Conference Church Extension Society may have something to say in regard to this work.

LAWSONIA. No pastor has been assigned to this charge. Brother Holmes was sent there to gather money to save the property from utter loss to us. He did raise enough to prevent the sale of the church property. The parsonage was sold. The amount in hand after the sale, was paid on the debt on the church.

MAPLESIDE AND FAIRVIEW, CUMBERLAND. These two small churches have been lately supplied by Rev. Howard Mullineaux.

GEORGETOWN CIRCUIT. W. W. Johnson who was appointed to Northumberland Circuit, Virginia., immediately declined to go and asked to be appointed to this charge. I gave my consent.

NORTHUMBERLAND CIRCUIT. Rev. F. M. McCorkle an unstationed preacher of Keen Memorial was assigned to this charge in the latter part of May.

GROVE. Rev. L. E. Haddaway an unstationed preacher of Starr church was appointed to this charge early in May.

POCOMOKE CIRCUIT. Rev. G. W. Sheridan an unstationed preacher from Hampden Baltimore was sent to this charge in May.

TALBOT. No supply.

TEXAS MISSION. Rev. J. W. Norris was assigned to this charge.

TYREANNA AND FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS. I made a special trip to Lynchburg to attend a meeting of the Quarterly Conference of this charge. Rev. T. E. F. Morton an unstationed minister of our Lynchburg Church was installed pastor. This was late in May.

WEST WILMINGTON. Rev. J. T. Moore an unstationed preacher of our First Church Wilmington, Del., was immediately sent to this charge.

#### Changes Among Pastors.

Because of the resignation of Rev. H. F. Schwartzkoff from the pastorate of Union Bridge Circuit, June 6th, 1915, Rev. F. M. Clift was removed from Cecil and sent there. Rev. A. F. T. Raum an unstationed preacher of Milford, Del., was assigned to Cecil. This change was made August 1st, 1915. Rev. T. R. Woodford resigned the pastorate of Fawn

Grove Circuit September 1st, 1915 to take up work under the care of our Board of Home Missions in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. H. L. Schlincke was removed from Georgetown, Del., to Fawn Grove. Rev. J. A. Wright of Stewartstown, Pa., was sent to Georgetown, Del. Rev. E. H. Jones of Clayton, Del., was sent to Stewartstown. By an arrangement with Rev. E. C. Graham our Clayton Circuit provided themselves with pastoral supply. Rev. Allan Haldeman resigned the pastorate of Greensboro October 17th, and was sent to Lewes, Del., from which Rev. W. S. Simms resigned October 1st, Rev. W. S. Simms was sent to Greensboro. All these changes were made according to the law in the case.

#### **Sale of Church Property.**

Upon the occasion of my annual visit to Lynchburg, November 14th, 1915, I preached at Fairview Heights. After the service I held a meeting of those who called themselves members of the church. I discovered a carefully prepared plan to get from under the leadership of our church. I talked to them mildly and tried to hold them but it was of no avail. On the following day I was called upon by Rev. W. S. Edwards, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Lynchburg District M. E. Church South. We arranged a subsequent meeting at our church for the same day. There were six present—two ministers and two laymen of the M. E. Church South,—and Brother Compher and myself. We talked the situation over and they finally decided to buy. The price was \$1200. We received \$700 in cash from the transfer. The Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society will report further on this case.

#### **Transfers and Removals.**

During the session of our last Conference Rev. C. M. Elderdice was granted his Transfer to the Pittsburgh M. P. Conference.

Rev. J. R. Gaar and Rev. R. W. Coe were granted permission to withdraw from the denomination.

#### **The Maryland Educational Endowment Society.**

I call the name of this Society that it may not drop out of our recollection. It reported to this Conference last year and I presume it will do so this.

#### **Summer Conference.**

There were about the same number of ministers enrolled this year as last. Few enough to be called a Conference. A meeting of the Executive Committee was held and the president was authorized to do all in his mind and heart to make this coming Conference one of splendid fellowship and inspiration. The president will speak to you and make his plans plain. Brethren his address may stir you. Do not fail to be on hand.

**The President's Parsonage Guild.**

The excellent women who compose this Guild deserve our unstinted praise. They are few in number but great to execute the will of this Conference in taking care of the President's home. I especially call the attention of the delegates and pastors to the resolution governing the charges in this case. I have not said much publicly about the matter, but among the ladies of the church I have left my word of admonition.

**The Methodist Protestant Children's Home High Point, N. C.**

I desire to call your attention to this Institution as a ward of the general church. It is our duty as a Conference to contribute to its support. Some of our churches are doing this; but this should be more generally done. Important literature can be obtained describing the building and the maintainance of the Home by writing to the President J. M. Millikan, Greensboro, N. C.

**Benevolent Agencies.**

I desire to thank the generous laymen of this Conference. The St. John's Board of Beneficence and the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society who have responded so willingly to my appeals in behalf of those whom misfortune might have overtaken.

**Our Mutual Relief Association.**

I mention this Association to call your attention to the fact that we still have an organization of its kind among us. Just a place where love and pity can meet to express in a small way, when death comes in, our deep affection for the one now gone. Every member of this Conference should hold membership in this Association.

**Western Maryland College.**

This noble institution with its handsome buildings, still invites the youth of our church to the privileges of higher education. For forty-eight years its name has been mentioned in our Conference Sessions. From the experimental stage it has come to its present state of permanency. Its student body is about the same as last year notwithstanding the competition with which it is confronted.

Its faculty is a body of experts, ready to impart what they possess for the good of the student body. The greatest need as I see it is an increased student roll. Our people must learn that this College is for their children and that it is prepared to give them as much, for the money invested as any other school.

Its graduates are in almost every State of the Union. Many of the men who hear me speak have passed through its gates.

There is no institution that has done as much to widen the name of our great Conference. What can we do for it? Speak well of it. Endeavor to help its agents secure students in our community. May no calamity befall this noble school. May she prosper yet more and more.

**Westminster Theological Seminary.**

This is our school of the prophets. We are so much interested in its doings that we pause here to give it careful consideration. Its business is to train young men for ministerial work. This it is doing as rapidly as possible. We have about 200,000 young people in our entire church. I presume it safe to say that 75,000 of them are males. Out of this army of young life there are 28 in our Seminary studying for the ministry. There may be as many more in other schools. But this is a very small number compared with our great need of active wide awake young men. The present body would just about suffice for the needs of our own Conference. Why young men are not coming to be trained for this great work I cannot definitely state. It used to be that preachers were born in great revivals of religion. They ought to be now. But we do not always find it so. It may be that God speaks to them then and there; but many of them are lured away by the seductions of an enticing commercialism. I can not say that this is true, but we do know that we are not getting enough to fill our vacant pulpits. I shall ask you again to talk to God about this matter from two points of view: First, I speak this now particularly to the laity—Pray for a wider vision of the needs of our work and an awakening of obligation to Almighty God. So that the young man who has heard God's call to preach may not be tempted by even more alluring offers. Second, Pray that God may put his hand on the head and his voice in the heart of our young men and send them forth to preach his word.

My visits have always been pleasant and I trust profitable to the Seminary. Its Faculty are always courteous and kind. Complaining to me of too small an output. The president is one of our over-worked men. Teaching and planning all the week for the good of the school and on Saturday he packs his grip and starts to fill an engagement in quest of men and money to perpetuate his school. He should have some relief—may the next General Conference of our church provide it for him.

**Pastoral Support.**

I mention this here to show you my great interest in providing an adequate support for our pastors. I still am of the opinion that a preacher can do as little on his job as any other man. But this kind of a preacher is the exception and not the rule. During my visits to the charges I have unfailingly striven to bring this question to the attention of the laity of our church. In many places it has met with encouraging success. When we take into consideration the great increase in the cost of living not only as it relates to things that we must have to eat but to things we need to wear, the necessity for an ample support is certainly apparent. The pastor in his work often finds himself seriously handicapped. He needs money but does not care to speak about it. This state of affairs when brought to light exposes the inefficiency of both men and methods. God's business should be transacted as promptly, as completely as any other. The inefficiency of men

and methods should not stand in the way of a better paid ministry. The fact is that all progressive organizations are bringing to the fore front every method which speaks for the safety and sanity of the conduct of the business. Unsuccessful men in the churches should not be elected to office. If elected and discovered, they should most certainly be eliminated and more competent men put in their places. Mark you my brethren, I am pleading for higher standards in the work of our church. An efficient ministerial supply and an appreciative church.

I am glad to say I have found considerable awakening along these lines. Our laity are opening their eyes to the larger opportunities of the kingdom. In many of our churches new methods are being tried with gratifying results. The duplex envelope system is in greater use than ever before and accomplishing its desired ends. Every charge in this Conference not now using the envelope system will find by its adoption a surprising increase in the revenue of its church.

#### **Home Missions.**

I desire again to express my high appreciation of Dr. C. H. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer of our Board of Home Missions. His dealings with me personally, and with the men of this Conference have been frank and kind and fair. We should remember that he does not represent himself but his Board. Any charge among us which has business with him can argue before hand an occasion of pleasant fellowship. I urge upon all our charges whose property is in any sense of the word under obligation to this Board to make as speedy settlement as possible. He sees the opening fields for our Methodism. He needs the money for many a legitimate prospect. Let us not hold back that which we can give, and thus prevent the spread of our beloved church.

#### **Our Foreign Missionary Work.**

The erection of the church for Nagoya College and vicinity, and the removal of Yokohama Churches and Night School, conditioned on the sale of lots in Japan, have been delayed, but will be effected this year, it is believed, and will greatly improve our equipment. Three men ordained last month, three churches regularly organized, two new appointments taken up, increase in Church membership and Sunday School scholars constitute the outstanding evidences of progress. There are now 18 organized Churches, 15 organized Chapels, 37 mission appointments, a total of 70 appointments, with 1434 members, 290 probationers, 431 enquirers, and 64 Sunday Schools with 4175 scholars, and C. E. Societies.

The working force consists of three married Missionaries, eighteen Japanese ministers, and nineteen preachers and evangelists, total 40. The Board holds in trust 8 church lots, 9 church buildings, 2 Chapels, 8 parsonages, 2 missionary homes, 2 school lots and College grounds and buildings, a total of \$80,000.00. The Board is compelled to rent a number of houses which are used as Churches and Chapels.

The Tokyo Blind School now occupies a rented two-story house, and is extending its influence and work under government recognition. The Nagoya College enrolled 452 male students, and turned away 180 competent students for lack of room. Its faculty of 24 has 4 university graduates, ten College men, and most of the others have government license.

In these two institutions and five Night Schools, nearly 1000 students are under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions. Last quarter three in the Blind School, and 35 in Nagoya College were converted and joined the Church.

In all our Schools, by Bible classes, teaching, etc., Christ is held up as Lord and Master.

Rev. E. H. VanDyke, D. D., a member of this Conference, is to leave Yokohoma for America the 8th of this month for a well-earned furlough, after more than 7 years of faithful service in responsible positions. Rev. L. Layman, D. D., will shortly enter upon his fourth term of service in Japan, he having returned home last fall, after 7 years of earnest labor.

The financial stringency in many parts of the country, and the imperative needs of the work in Japan make imperative the call for generous Children's Day offerings from our Sunday Schools, and for the forwarding of the assessment to the Board as early in the Conference year as possible.

I desire to commend the earnest and faithful labors of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. They are devoutly giving their time and thought to the work.

I hereby express my high appreciation of the pains-taking and efficient labors of Rev. F. C. Klein, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board. Long may he be spared to this work and the Church.

#### The Church Home.

This institution is growing in favor with the Church every day. More and more does it appeal to the benevolence of our people, who, in the disposition of their earthly affairs, remember with substantial gifts and legacies this splendid charity of the church. We are advised that in the not far distant future, through provisions made in the will of certain gentlemen, several substantial legacies will come to the Home. The Home is not yet self-supporting. If the Conference assessment was paid in full the Board would probably not have to face a deficit. The cost of living is higher, the number of inmates is increasing, repairs must be made therefore, in addition to the interest on the invested fund; the assessment in full is necessary to meet the demands of the Home.

This year the total collection, including the interest on invested funds is about \$2500 while the expenditures amounted to \$2785.79. When the amount borrowed from the permanent fund can be returned and the present debt on the property paid, and the expected increase to our invested funds become available, the full sum of \$2,000 will be sufficient to care for the Home.

There are now 17 inmates, all of whom seem to be entirely contented and happy. Two of the inmates died during the year and were given a suitable Christian burial. One person was admitted to the Home. The Ladies Board has done splendid work during the year and has evidently increased interest and cooperation so that we may look forward to the time when it will be a self-supporting institution.

#### The Book Concern.

The Methodist Protestant is now in the eighty-seventh year of its uninterrupted existence. Adding to it the ten years of its immediate predecessor it will soon reach its centennial year. This is the one institution of the church that has continued from the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church. It has never had but three editors elected by the General Conference, and these gave to it editorial work of nearly sixty-two years. The present editor has held his position for six quadrenniums and has given it a larger service than either of his predecessors by more than five years. He will retire on the first of June 1916. It is not a compliment to the church to say that the patronage has never been adequate to make it self-supporting, and it has less subscribers than at any period for the last half century. It is but trite to say that the paper cannot live without the active and generous support of the church, and when little Conference papers are published and floated as Conference organs, which deflects the subscriptions from the official organ it is not only an effective way to injure and weaken the official organ but it is an injury to the church and to all the interests that the church undertakes. At this time the Methodist Protestant has no less than five of these little Conference sheets in the territory to which it must look for patronage. An editor cannot make a paper when the church refuses to help him to do it. A church without a paper is a church without that connectional element that holds together its vital parts.

The Book Concern under the wise and careful management of Mr. Charles Reiner has never been on the same systematic and successful business basis that it is now. He has the industry, insight and capacity to make it a constantly growing enterprise. He is courteous, accommodating and prompt in his work and closely looks after it to its remotest details, and surely he makes it the duty of ministers and churches to patronize your own Book Concern business. The report of his work in detail will doubtless be furnished in the report of the Directory to this Conference.

#### Our Young People's Work.

All the work we are trying to do is important, our prayer is that we may learn the better to do it. This work—the work of our Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies, is the most important that we are trying to do. I am glad to report that it is being better done than heretofore. And yet this does not mean very much. There are many places where the

Sunday Schools are closed all winter and no Endeavor Societies can be found. This is not as it should be; when I have discovered a condition of this kind I have spoken plainly against it and urged the members of the church to get busy with the young life of the community. For just as we do this do we show our interest in the proper training of the child life and the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

I have attended the meetings of the Executive Committee as my time would permit. "These men seem to have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this". They are studious of the interests of the child from the beginners grade to that of Christian Endeavor. This study takes them into every phase of child discipline. They seem anxious for two things:—

First—A man who shall be able to set himself apart unto the work, who shall go from church to church organizing, inspiring and instructing the people for the full performance of their duty in reference to the child.

Second—A universal program including—

First—The general organization of our young people into Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies.

Second—The adoption of some method of work that will cause our young people to be studying the same thing at the same time.

Third—The finding of suitable literature and helps for children that will enable us to feel that we are giving our children the best that can be found.

Fourth—The organization of Teacher Training Classes, Mission Study Classes and male and female adult Bible Classes in all our Churches.

How long before these high ideals will be realized I cannot tell. But we can devoutly pray for their coming.

I was present at the meeting of the Executive Committee when it was decided to hold the night session of the Alnutt Convention in Albaugh's Theatre. I gave my hearty concurrence of opinion. What a great demonstration of interest was that Thursday night meeting! For the first time in all the years of our history we did succeed in doing the big thing. We can do it again. There is no good reason why we should not try.

I desire to commend the faithful and efficient labors of Dr. H. L. Freeman, who has temporarily assumed the duties of Secretary-Treasurer of this Board. He is in every way a suitable man for the position. We can devoutly pray for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit in whatever happens to the Board, and the selection of a man to do this arduous work.

#### Deaconess Work.

This youngest branch of our Conference work has been challenging our attention for six years. At each succeeding session we have approached the subject with increasing determination to provide for its expansion and proper material equipment, so as to obtain the best results which we confidently believe will be forthcoming. I respectfully call your attention to the items of the last report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies adopted last Conference, recommending the work of Deaconesses, and

further recommending the purchase of a home, and the organization of Deaconess Circles in the churches, and laying an assessment of one thousand dollars on the Conference, one-half to be used toward the purchase of the Home, and one-half for the support of the work. This action made possible the perpetuation of this interesting and promising branch of Christian activity in our Churches, furnishing for the first time a tangible basis for its financial strength. In my report then, I took occasion to ask some pertinent questions, as to whether or not the churches needed or desired this worthy agency, whether or not the demand for it justified an appeal upon all the congregations for financial aid in its support and development, and whether or not the work could continue longer without a home or training school. Your action was a positive affirmation to the first two questions raised, and showed a determination to advance this worthy enterprise.

Now the work of the two young women, Misses DeMoss and Lewis, has been most gratifying. The committee on assignment has been unable to supply the demand for their services, except during a few summer months. Their work is planned already for months ahead. At times many more deaconesses could have been used to advantage. Their work in the pastorates has brought decided results in the building up of Sunday Schools and congregations, while their efficient and consecrated services and ministrations to the sick have been received with deepest gratitude by those favored in this manner. I believe that few indeed of our churches have yet realized the full value of this kind of available service, and that the demand for the same is destined to increase continually.

The Board has given regular and careful attention to the work, and has sought to carry out the recommendations of the Conference, to the extent of its resources. Several times the purchase of a definite piece of property for a Home has been considered, but the members of the Board found always this hindrance in the way: Any property that could be purchased with the small collateral available, would be insufficient to meet the needs of a home and training school. It is the desire of the Board to make the Home a school for the training not only of deaconesses, but also of Sunday school teachers, personal workers, and other leaders in the Churches. The assessment laid upon the Conference has not come in very satisfactorily, and money has been borrowed to pay the salaries of the deaconesses.

I fear that there is an impression somewhere that the full value of this work is confined to a few churches, and that the charges especially on the circuits will find no returns for the investment they make in this particular work; consequently many are reluctant to contribute thereto. It is disappointing that any such conclusion should have been reached. Even if the first mentioned impression were true, we ought to let our denominational pride and loyalty extend certainly beyond the bounds of a local parish. But neither impression is true. The services of these young women can be had anywhere within the bounds of our Conference district, and the result of their labors will be found everywhere to be commensurate to the desires and expectations of those interested.

**Methods of Church Finances.**

I am glad to report improvements on some charges in the methods used for collecting church funds. It is not a great improvement but bespeaks better things for the future. It refers both to the assessments and the pastors' salaries. We have a large number of charges however, which give the pastor a mere pittance of a salary during the year and at the close find themselves facing a large deficit. I have not changed my mind in reference to the relation of the pastor to the Conference Assessments. And I repeat what I said in my report of last year on that subject. The management of the Church finances is a matter entirely in the hands of the laity of the Church. Very many of the laymen do not believe this, or they have not thought enough about it to give them an opinion. The question of Conference Assessments therefore is forced upon the pastor and his salary suffers as well. When I have discovered this condition I have spoke strongly against it and urged the brethren to arouse themselves. It is still evident to my mind that we are not getting from our people what we should either for Conference Benevolences or Pastoral support. Where there are increases, there have been improvements in the method of gathering the money. The use of the duplex envelope has done much to relieve the Pastor of anxiety as it relates both to Conference Assessments and his salary. Why all our charges do not use the envelope system is singular. The amount of each subscription is divided into 52 easy payments thus giving the treasurer of the Church money for constant use.

Pardon me if I give you the outline of a Church whose finances are organized under the duplex envelope system. No plan will work itself. This plan calls for Stewards who are willing to work.

By correspondence or personal interview, at the beginning of the Conference year, these Stewards, men or women as the case may be, get in touch with every member of the Church; telling them what amount is necessary to cover the expenses of the Church for the entire year. They are then asked how much they will give per Sabbath. Their contribution for the year will thus be divided into 52 payments. Fifty-two envelopes are then sent to each member of the Church, the number on the envelope designating the contributor. If at your Church there is service every Sunday, take one envelope. If you have service every two weeks, take two envelopes—and if you have service only once a month, take four envelopes. The system is a splendid educator. It puts the people face to face with their obligations every Sunday. The Stewards keep an account of their payments and at the end of each quarter their financial relation to the Church is kindly brought to their attention.

This is my idea of the proper management of Church finances. I do not think it is too ideal to be practical. Numbers of our Churches have adopted and are using this system successfully, these are the Churches that are undisturbed in their financial plans.

I have taken this much of your time upon this matter to show you how easy it is to accomplish your work if you use a successful method.

Inattentive and negligent subscribers will put any plan in confusion. This plan requires faithful Stewards and attentive members.

#### Church Extension.

For the first time in our entire history as a Conference we have arisen to the realization of the hope of some, at least, who firmly believe that a man in the field among the charges can do much to stimulate, educate and get money for Church Extension purposes. Rev. J. M. Holmes, D. D., is the man of your selection, who has gone as far over the Conference as conditions would permit. I have met him only once in my visits to the charges. No one can tell the great good his visits have done. He has collected two and one-half times as much as his salary and assisted in raising more than \$5,000 of church debts in the incomplete plan of visitation among the charges. He has begun a work, in my judgment of great importance to the work of the Conference. The Board of Managers will have more to say to you in reference to the work of the Superintendent.

The enterprises which this Conference is fostering in the main are showing signs of advancement. Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia, is doing finely. Park Road, Washington, is satisfactory numerically, but disappointing financially. I am sure the Board of Managers will call your attention to this work.

On the evening of January 17, 1916, I went with Rev. G. W. Haddaway, D. D., Rev. J. F. Bryan and Rev. C. M. Larrimore to Arundel Cove, Anne Arundel County, Md., to organize a Methodist Protestant Church. The service was held in a school house. Forty-three people attached their names to the organization. Rev. C. M. Larrimore has acted as pastor and all the preliminaries have been attended to.

This may be some day a useful point. They have been incorporated and recognized by the Quarterly Conference of Brooklyn M. P. Church and are here asking to be enrolled as a Methodist Protestant Church.

About three years ago Rev. Thomas Lowe, pastor of the Free Methodist Society of South Baltimore better known as William Street Independent Methodist Church, located on the corner of William and Clement Streets, became impaired in health and unable to preach the Gospel. Rev. J. Franklin Bryan of our South Baltimore Church, a friend of brother Lowe, was called in and asked to assist in supplying the pulpit. He did so. And for nearly three years has given constant attention to the part of the work assigned to him. Rev. J. W. Gray, Rev. W. B. Judefind, Rev. J. W. Norris and others have preached there almost continuously. It became apparent to brother Lowe and his family that his active ministry was at its close. For forty years he had ministered to his people, called hundreds to seek the Savior but not always in the substantial building now occupied by the congregation. Now he must stop. What is to become of his work and church were serious questions to him. Was he to permit the 500 members to scatter and the church property worth \$15,000 to be sold? Brother Bryan very wisely counseled with him in regard to this matter and put him in touch with me.

Accordingly I appointed a committee to act with me in dealing with the case. After several preliminary meetings with members of the Board of Trustees of the said church, on the 3rd of March 1916, a congregational meeting was held at which time a series of resolutions was read disclosing our purposes, with the permission of this Conference, to care for the aged and worn out pastor by the payment to him as a salary, the sum of \$1200 per year during the period of his natural life. And to make such provision for his wife, should she survive him, that we make to widows of slight membership in our Conference. To recognize the legality of a debt which the said Rev. Thomas Lowe holds against the church property, amounting to \$5,000. And to urge the congregation to pay it in annual payments of not more than \$500 unless it was mutually agreeable. No interest is to be paid on the amount of the debt. To have the property deeded to our Church Extension Society pending the liquidation of the debt, after which it would be deeded to the Lowe Memorial Methodist Protestant Church. After hearing this paper the congregation practically unanimously voted to become a Methodist Protestant Church. At a subsequent meeting Trustees and Stewards and delegate to this Conference were elected. They have been recognized as a Methodist Protestant Church by our South Baltimore Station. The remainder will be attended to as soon as you give your consent to the plan as proposed in the paper which is here and open for your inspection.

I cannot speak too highly of the conduct of Rev. J. Franklin Bryan in this whole transaction. He has kept in tactful touch with brother Lowe and his people and with me and the Committee. He has done only as he has been told to do in bringing this transaction to a finality. Now it is yours to solve.

The District of Columbia Church Extension Society is not as vigorous as it should be. The laity of our churches seem to have lost interest. This should not be so. In the Capital of our Nation we should have a flourishing society.

The Methodist Protestant Church Extension Society of Baltimore City has paid its debt and is doing what it can to preserve its property and to look out for new locations.

#### Moral Reform.

The forces of evil were never more thoroughly organized than now. Their emissaries are in every community earnestly endeavoring to discover the movements of those whom they look upon as their enemies. This organization is very suggestive. With them it is an element of strength and an element of fear. The Christian Church is the one institution in the world which Jesus Christ intended should fight his battles and win His victories. These two militant forces are ever more arrayed the one against the other. His church must be like him, not so much as it relates to the human side of Jesus, but as it pertains to His relation to the great world about Him. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. His church

must do likewise. It must be the friend of man of every color, of every condition, in sickness and health, in poverty and in wealth, in ignorance and erudition, the lost man and the saved man. It must take up his case and plead for better conditions. If sick—try to relieve him by the support of hospitals and asylums. If well—but poor or encompassed by unfavorable environment or disturbed by irksome labor regulations to earnestly endeavor to lighten the burden which he bears. If ignorant—to see to it that safe and commodious schools are brought within his reach. If out of Christ—to try to save him.

With these ends in view it is the business of the church to diligently endeavor not only to minister to the suffering Samaritan by the roadside but to make the road to Jericho safer—to rid the country of thieves and all such who would do the passing stranger harm.

The church has been endeavoring to attend to its business through all the years of its existence. The present improved condition in man as an individual, in the home where he lives, in the regulations which control him and in the social affairs of his community are all the effects of the labors of the church in his behalf. The church is not always as successful in her endeavors as she has planned to be.

The Anti-Saloon League of our State has very recently failed in its endeavor to have a State wide Prohibition Bill passed by the Legislature. I shall not make an argument on the relation of Baltimore and the wet counties to the general question. It is enough to know that what was granted was not what was uppermost in the minds of those who thought victory for the Bill was certain from the start. I think that which all christian people will do well to remember is the fact that what has been granted is an allowance from the other side. It is a blessed thing that the Legislature of Maryland did not say to the people "you shall not vote at all upon this question". But now having the right to vote for the Emancipation of Baltimore and the wet counties of the State from the dominion of alcohol, what is our relation to the question as it presents itself to us today.

I answer—One of intense interest to win our case; of burning desire to put Baltimore and all else of the State under the flow of the white.

Let us resolve here and now, all Baltimoreans, all residents of the wet countries of our State to fight this conflict to a finish. And should we win what a victory it will be!

Baltimore, the State of Maryland and adjacent territory have been for some weeks and still are under the influence of a great spiritual awakening. The like of it has not been seen in these parts before. A tabernacle seating 20,000 people was erected at a convenient place for the purpose of accommodating the crowds who would be anxious to see and hear Rev. William Ashley Sunday. It is above my power to describe—the great crowds in attendance, the man before his audience, the man who with grips of steel, holds his audience to the last minute; and then calls forth hundreds to hit the trail! It is called the Sunday Campaign. I think a great deal of the success of these meetings is due the many pastors of the co-operating

churches for the earnestness of effort put into the preparatory meetings. Baltimore is aroused spiritually as never before. I have been delighted to see hundreds of our church people, all of our city pastors and many out of town pastors in the admiring crowds. An inspiring fact to us as a denomination is the attendance upon one evening from one of our churches of the largest men's organized Bible Class in our City. 1200 men with their pastor marched in and took their places to hear the mighty utterances of this wonderful man of God. What church and what pastor were these? It was Hampden Church—the church of constant revival and Rev. E. D. Stone, sweet singer and faithful preacher.

We must all go to hear Mr. Sunday. Your Conference Program Committee has left the evening sessions of the Conference at your option, save as by law they are already fixed. Do not neglect the business sessions. But I say to you again go hear Mr. Sunday and take back to your charge with you the spirit and religious fervor of your visit.

As a great nation we have been confronted by serious situations. For nearly two years wars and rumors of wars have been flaunting themselves before us. We can thank God today that it has not reached our shores. With all the modern implements of war on the land and on the sea and under it, what desolation we have escaped. Let us not forget to pray for thousands of wives and mothers and orphan children made such by the awful catastrophe of war. And to beseech our Heavenly Father to speedily hasten the reign of peace over all the earth.

I commend to your careful attention the Lord's Day Alliance, The Anti-Saloon League, and all organizations which may appeal to you having for their object the betterment of conditions with which we have to deal.

#### State of the Church.

Material Prosperity—I am pleased to report again the good condition of our Church and parsonage property. There seems to be an awakening in reference to this matter all over our Conference. The church buildings are in good repair and the parsonages with few exceptions, are pleasant homes. The women of our ranks are splendid house-wives and keep their homes nicely. I have commended this upon the occasions of my visits when it has been noticeable and condemned its absence likewise. This has not been a year of great church or parsonage construction. Yet there are some very notable exceptions to this statement. Starr Church which was under the hands of mechanics at the last session of our Conference has been finished and was dedicated October 31, 1916. This is a beautiful white limestone church, situated in the midst of one of Baltimore's most attractive suburban sections, and on its most commanding thoroughfare. It stands to perpetuate a name dear to all Methodist Protestants, and to mark the industry and business sagacity of its faithful pastor Rev. G. W. Haddaway, D. D., and his co-laborers. The building is complete in all its arrangements and thoroughly suited to the great work for which it has been erected. The cost of the entire plant—parsonage and church property, is

about \$90,000. The debt will be carefully handled by competent management.

Wilton Heights under the leadership, of Rev. Ronalds Taylor, has about finished a splendid church auditorium. This enterprise is one of the most successful of our undertakings in or around Baltimore. Its two pastors Rev. T. R. Woodford and Rev. Ronalds Taylor have devoted themselves with singular fidelity and success to the building up of the church in their midst. The result has been continuous growth. The addition will cost about \$20,000. The debt will not trouble the growing congregation.

At Milton, Del., Rev. F. A. Holland, the pastor, has sold the old parsonage and bought a fine home in a more desirable part of the town. It is modern in every way and ample for the purpose for which it was bought. It was a bold venture but has worked out all right. It is a splendid achievement and reflects great credit upon pastor and people.

A new parsonage is in course of erection on Williamsport Circuit. Rev. C. N. Alexander, the pastor, has faithfully striven to do as I told him to do — strengthen the church and build a parsonage. It is building beside the church at Harmony Grove, and will cost \$1200.

Two handsome pipe-organs have been provided for with the splendid assistance of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, one of these in our church at Milford, Del., the other for our South Baltimore Station.

Numbers of our churches have spent large sums of money either in the repair to or the enlargement of their properties. Broadway spent about \$1200 in the beautification of its building. Pittsville spent \$1775. The following charges have spent \$500 or more for church improvements and the payment of debts. Accomac, Alexandria, Amelia, Alnutt, Bethany, Broadway, Calvary, Christ Church Baltimore, Keen Memorial, North Baltimore, Starr, Bedford, Caroline, Crisfield, Fawn Grove, First Church Newark, Harpers Ferry, Harrington, Laurel, Leipsic, Lisbon, Milford, Milton, Parksley, Saint Luke's, Pittsville, Potomac, South Baltimore, North Carolina Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue, and Williamsport.

Incomplete returns show a net gain in membership of 2100 souls; that \$73,000 have been spent for church and parsonage improvements; that \$30,000 have been paid on church debts, and that 18 charges have increased pastors salaries amounting to \$1900.

The following charges have contributed \$200 or more to Foreign Missions; Alnutt, Christ Church Baltimore, North Baltimore, Starr, St. John's, West Baltimore, Buckeystown, Chestertown, Crisfield, First Church Newark, Salisbury, Rhode Island Avenue, and Westminster.

Spiritual results—There is great cause for rejoicing in the tidings which come to us in reference to the number of conversions over the district this Conference year. The salvation of precious souls is the main quest of the church. Her elaborate temples with costly finishings may be necessary; but they are dead unless the shout of the saved is heard within their walls. Thank God my brethren for the good news you have sent me. Incomplete returns show that 3100 precious souls have been saved this year. Notable

revivals of religion have occurred at Accomac, Christ Church Baltimore, Waverly, West Baltimore, Cambridge, Clayton, Conquest, Cumberland, Delta, Easton, Elizabeth, Felton, Finksburg, First Church Newark, Harbeson, Harpers Ferry, Harrington, Laurel, Liberty, Lisbon, Milford, Northumberland, Parksley, Taylor Memorial, Pittsville, Pocomoke City, Salisbury, St. James, Union, Bivalve, and First Church Wilmington.

For all these and more we can shout and sing unto God our Saviour that He has made bare His holy arm and gotten for Himself a great victory.

Brethren let us devoutly pray and labor for the salvation of 5000 precious souls for the next Conference year.

#### Bequests.

I am pleased to report to you that Bro. J. G. Fishel and his wife bequeathed to Fawn Grove M. P. Church the sum of \$1400. And that Dr. Horace T. Nicholson bequeathed the sum of \$200 to St. James M. P. Church. There may have been other bequests but I have not heard of them.

#### In Conclusion.

I desire to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to Almighty God who has spared my life and brought me again to stand before you in this office; and to you my brethren and your families whose attention to me in courteous entertainment have caused me to forget the rigors of travel; and to the big-hearted laymen all over this Conference who have shown me such courteous attention. I desire also to express my profound gratitude to the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society who during the time of my recent convalescence permitted Rev. J. M. Holmes, D. D., to do my work.

Praying the faithful presence of the great Head of the Church with us, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon us as we undertake to perform the duties of our Conference session,

I am yours in His service,

JOHN S. BOWERS.

#### Of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee on President's Report submits the following:

We have carefully read the President's report in which he brings to the attention of the Conference the great needs and the splendid opportunities of the church.

We extend the heartfelt sympathy of the Conference to all who mourn the loss of loved ones, and at the same time devoutly thank God for the hope of the Gospel.

The ever increasing demand for more preachers to take charge of the new fields which open and to fill the places of those who must retire bring to us again the problem of finding young men for the ministry. We believe that if this subject is kept prominently before the young men of

the church more of them will hear and heed the call of God to this important service.

The evidences of material prosperity among us is cause for rejoicing, and our hearts are made glad by the news that God has honored the preaching of His Word with the conversion of more than three thousand souls and a gain to the membership of the church of more than two thousand.

The Summer Conference at Westminster again has a place in the President's report. This enterprise is one of the great institutions of the Conference. The ministers who gather here enjoy a fellowship and receive inspiration of incalculable value to them and the church. It is proposed this year to broaden its scope and the special attention of the Conference is asked to the statement of its president.

At the last session of the Conference a strong resolution was passed requesting the Sunday Schools to give one offering during the year to our Children's Home at High Point, N. C. This institution is doing noble work for our own helpless little ones and greatly needs the support we can give.

We express the hope that the suggestions of our President with reference to the Young People's Work may soon be realized, for the success of all other departments of church activities depends upon the training and care bestowed upon the young people.

The President wisely calls attention again to methods of Church finance. We believe improvement in this department of church life to be imperative and here emphasize the fundamental steps to the plan which experience has proven successful wherever faithfully used, viz.;

- (1) Make a budget of yearly expenses.
- (2) Secure subscriptions from every member of the congregation amounting to a sum sufficient to cover the entire budget.
- (3) Use duplex envelopes, numbered and dated.
- (4) Secure pledges by personal canvass.
- (5) Pledges be on a weekly basis.
- (6) The educational campaign and canvass as well as other details must be repeated annually.
- (7) A comprehensive business-like policy as to all details must be instituted.
- (8) Above all every effort should be made to maintain a spirit of unity.

The appointment of a church extension agent last year has been demonstrated as a wise move. The work of J. M. Holmes in this office deserves the special commendation of the Conference.

In conclusion we render grateful thanks to Almighty God for sparing the life of our President and devoutly pray for him many years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LITSINGER

E. L. KELLAR

C. M. COMPHER

H. K. MULLER

G. A. OGG

J. A. BARNES

**Agent of President's Parsonage.****Receipts.**

1913—April 2nd. To cash balance in Baker & Watts & Co. Bank..	\$656.09
1914—To cash from 1/4 amt. paid for President's Salary.....	776.00
1915—To cash from 1/6 amt. paid for President's Salary.....	511.00
1916—To cash from 1/6 amt. paid to date President's Salary.....	442.13
	\$2,385.22

1913

**Disbursements.**

May 1st. by payment to T. A. Murray on President's Parsonage..	\$ 500.00
Aug. 11th. by payment to J. F. Jonson cement sidewalk.....	25.00
1914	
Jan. 26th. by J. G. Leffort for repairing furnace.....	6.00
Jan. 29th. by water rent for 1914 to D. J. Loden.....	11.50
June 4th. by payment to T. A. Murray on President's Parsonage.	580.45
June 4th. by payment for gas stove and gas light repairs.....	22.75
June 4th. by payment for one refrigerator and hauling.....	17.00
July by H. K. Muller for painting.....	54.50
July by H. K. Muller.....	11.25
1915	
Jan. 15th. by payment to Mrs. J. S. Bowers for articles of furn..	45.00
Feb. 10th. by payment to A. H. Quaid for work at Parsonage....	3.00
Feb. 18th. by payment to H. Smith for stove work.....	18.45
Feb. 26th. by payment to J. E. Young work at Parsonage.....	2.25
Mar. 30th. by payment to T. A. Murray interest.....	55.45
Mar. 30th. by payment of water rent for 1915.....	11.50
Apr. 1st. by payment to H. Smith repairs to boiler.....	18.21
Apr. 15th. by payment to Brager one gas dome.....	7.38
May 20th. by payment to H. K. Muller painting.....	20.00
Sept. 4th. by payment of special city tax to J. W. Hook.....	2.65
Aug. 12th. by payment to Meyer-Stisser & Co. lawnmower.....	1.50
Nov. 13th. by payment to H. W. Smith for repairs to stoves....	21.59
Nov. 13th. by payment to H. K. Muller papering.....	25.00
Nov. 24th. by payment to H. K. Muller.....	10.00
Dec. 23rd. by payment to David Mundy repairing bell.....	1.50
Feb. 18th. by payment to T. A. Murray on President's Parsonage.	555.45
Feb. 24th. by payment to Mrs. J. S. Bowers for sundries.....	4.00
Feb. 25th. by payment to D. J. Loden water rent 1916.....	11.50
	\$2,042.88

Balance in Baker, Watts &amp; Co. Bank \$342.34

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. BOWERS.

## PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

Charge	Pastor	Yrs.	Charge	Pastor	Yrs.
Accomac, Va. ....	C. M. Zepp	3	Crisfield:—		
Alexandria, Va. ...	Edw. Kirkley	2	Crisfield .....	F. T. Benson	4
Amelia, Va. ....	W. C. Mumford	4	Lawsonia .....	To be supplied	
Baltimore:—			Mariners .....	A. H. Green	3
Alnutt Memorial ..	F. T. Little	5	Crumpton..	J. E. Medling (Sup)	2
Bethany Harry Dobson (Sup.)		1	Cumberland:—		
Broadway ....	J. M. Sheridan	5	First Church J. W. Balderston		1
Brooklyn .....	S. W. Coe	3	Mapleside and Fairview		
Calvary .....	H. S. Johnson	4	J. P. Adams		1
Chesaco Park ..	To be supplied		Melvin Chapel ..	W. M. Snyder	4
Christ Church ....	L. B. Smith	9	Deer Creek G. M. Sheridan(Sup)		1
East Baltimore D. L. Greenfield		3	Deer Park ..	W. A. Sites (Sup.)	2
Eutaw .....	J. L. Nichols	3	Delmar, Del. ....	G. A. Morris	3
Evergreen W. H. Husung(Sup)		1	Delta, Pa. ....	G. A. Ogg	4
Hampden .....	E. D. Stone	4	Denton .....	T. O. Crouse	2
Keen Memorial ..	A. S. Beane	9	Dorchester .....	J. W. Parris	1
Lauraville .....	C. C. Day	5	Dover & Leipsic, Del	J. T. Bailey	4
Lowe Memorial ..	W. A. Melvin	1	Easton .....	B. F. Ruley	2
N. Baltimore ..	W. H. Litsinger	2	Elizabeth, N. J. ...	G. Q. Bacchus	2
Payson Street ..	W. D. Anstine	2	Fairfax, Va. ....	C. W. Cole	1
S. Baltimore ....	J. F. Bryan	7	Fawn Grove, Pa. H. L. Schlincke		1
Starr .....	G. W. Haddaway	15	Federalsburg .....	Dorsey Blake	2
W. B. Judefind, Supernum			Felton, Del. ....	W. P. Jump	4
St. Johns .....	J. W. Kirk	9	Finksburg .....	Carroll Maddox	4
St. Pauls .....	J. A. Dudley	5	1st Ch. Newark ..	E. C. Makosky	4
Violetville ..	F. H. Mullineaux	4	Franklin City, Va. J. L. Elderdice		3
Waverly .....	W. S. Hanks	1	Frederick .....	G. J. Hooker	2
W. Baltimore .....	J. M. Gill	1	Georgetown, Del. ...	J. A. Wright	1
Wilton Heights Rolands Taylor		6	Georgetown Cir. W. W. Johnson		1
Baltimore Circuit ..	S. F. Cassen	4	Greensboro W. S. Simms (Sup.)		1
Bedford, Pa. ....	W. F. Bauscher	2	Greenwood, Del.		
Belair .....	B. W. Kindley	2	H. W. D. Johnson		1
Bivalve .....	I. S. Owens	4	Grove ..	L. E. Haddaway (Sup.)	1
Buckeystown ....	R. L. Shipley	2	Harbeson, Del. and Indian River		
Cambridge .....	W. L. Hoffman	1	C. M. Adams		1
Cannon, Del. ....	G. F. Farring	2	Harmony C. N. Alexander (Sup.)		3
Caroline ..	C. J. Burdette (Sup.)	2	Harpers Ferry and Middleway		
Cecil .....	A. F. T. Raum (Sup)	1	A. W. Ewell		1
Centreville .....	G. J. Hill	3	Harrington, Del. ...	N. C. Clough	1
Chesapeake .....	A. C. Smith	1	Howard .....	P. W. Crosby	1
Chestertown .....	J. L. Ward	1	Hurlock .....	A. B. Dupuy	2
Chincoteague, Va.		2	Kempton ....	G. H. Stocksdale	1
M. E. Hungerford			Kennedyville		
Clayton, Del. E. C. Graham (Sup)		1	P. M. R. Schauer (Sup.)		1
Concord, Pa., H. E. Norris (Sup)		4	Kent Island .....	Ziba Adams	2
Conquest, Va. ....	J. F. Wooden	1	Laurel, Del. ....	J. H. Straughn	5



## Report B

### THE SECRETARY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:

At the last conference session the report of the Committee on the publication of the Historical Record was referred to the Board of Finance. This report stated that the Record had not been printed because no provision had been made by the Conference for its cost. The Board through an inadvertence failed to report back to the Conference any method for meeting the situation. The Secretary did not discover the oversight of the Board until Conference had adjourned and calling the attention of the chairman to the matter was told that the report had been overlooked. Under these circumstances the Secretary felt at liberty to continue the Committee on Publication of the Historical Record, and so published the Committee in the Minutes.

For a number of years the cost, contract price, of the Minutes has not changed, the only variation in the final cost being in the number of pages exceeding the 150 contracted for. Because of the very rapid rise in paper values during the year the Secretary has been compelled to adopt one of two courses: Retain the same grade of paper and add \$50, to the expense or use a cheaper grade. He has contracted for a cheaper paper, but even this will add \$10. to the former contract price, now \$200, for 150 pages of 2,000 copies.

While the Secretary dislikes to increase in any way the cost of the Minutes it has seemed to him for several years that we ought to include in our obituaries the photographs of our deceased brethren; not only because it seems to add to our appreciation of their labors but that those who are coming into the Conference as their successors may know what these fathers of the church looked like. Unless the Conference decides to the contrary the Secretary will follow this rule.

For the convenience of the committees special envelopes with paper have been prepared. The Secretary respectfully requests the Committee to follow the suggestions printed thereon.

As Committee on Credentials I report that no credentials have been received from Talbot, Indian River, Lawsonia, Campbell and Chesaco Park. That 17 others are irregular in some particular, the particular fault being the presiding of pastors at members meeting for the election of delegates. Further that thirty nine charges report the election of delegate by the Quarterly Conference, and not by the members of the churches. This method is not irregular but it seems to be a violation of the law of the church in that it is becoming a practice and not a secondary method. The discipline provides (page 70, sec. 30) that in circuits the election of delegates shall be by the members of the churches under the direction of the Stewards; the election to be reviewed by the Quarterly Conference, and

that where no person has received a majority the Quarterly Conference shall then elect. Regulation 19 of the Manual interprets this law by saying that where elections have taken place by the members the pastor may sign the certificate of election as chairman of the Quarterly Conference. The practice evidently has grown up of electing delegates by the Quarterly Conference without any reference to the members of the churches. This inference is born out by the statement above that 39 charges over the signature of the pastor report the election of delegate by the Quarterly Conference.

The Discipline concedes to the Conferences the right to prescribe the manner of election in their own districts (Article 7, Sec. 1, Constitution). The Secretary has his own opinions in the matter but hesitates to urge them upon the Conference. It does seem however that the spirit of our church government is jealous of this privilege of the churches and denies to the pastor any part in the selection of a delegate to Conference.

I recommend therefore that this law of the church together with Regulation 19 of the Manual be referred to a special committee of three for re-statement.

The financial statement of the publication of the Minutes and the incidental expense of the Conference follows:

#### Financial Statement.

##### Receipts.

Balance on hand Conference 1915.....	\$150.21
From C. P. Nowlin, Treas. 1914-1915.....	395.00
From C. P. Nowlin, Treas. advanced assessments.....	86.00
From sale of Minutes.....	5.70
 Total receipts.....	 \$636.91

##### Disbursements.

###### Publication of Minutes, J. W. Stowell acct:

Contract price, 150 pages, 2000 copies.....	\$189.00
26 extra pages at \$1.25 per page.....	32.50
100 extra copies.....	7.50
Half tone insert.....	3.50
 Cost of publication.....	 232.50
Distribution of Minutes.....	21.96

###### 1915

April 9, R. Y. Nicholson, Middleway commit .....	2.50
April 13, C. P. Nowlin, Treas. Expense.....	13.94
April 14, N. M. Bell, Conference stenographer.....	8.50
May 5, Conference expense, Sec'y's trunk, telegrams, sta-	

tionery, etc. ....	9.75
May 7, T. P. Fisher, Stand. Dis. Com. exp.....	9.80
May 10, Extra distribut. Minutes.....	4.50
May 29, C. P. Nowlin, Audit. Com. exp.....	1.68
June 4, Bonding Treas., Fidel. & Depos. Co.....	12.50
June 10, Secretary's compensation.....	25.00
J. W. Stowell, printing.....	3.50
1916	
Jany. 12, Secretary attend. Prog. Com.....	4.00
Postage for reports, etc .....	5.00
March 22, E. N. Fowler, printing.....	1.25
March 28, Sec's. expense Wilmington, Federalsburg.....	5.00
Supplies for Secretary .....	3.35
 Total expenditures.....	\$364.73
 Balance on hand.....	\$272.18
Cash in Bank.....	\$177.18
Loan F. T. Little, Publica. Manual.....	95.00
 \$272.18	

JAS. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

**Report of Special Committee on Item in Secretary's Report.**

**Affecting Election of Delegates.**

Your committee appointed to consider the recommendation of the Secretary in regard to the election of delegates, beg leave to report as follows: We regret to be compelled to state that some pastors still persist in the election of delegates to the Annual Conference contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and Discipline of the Church. Article 7, Section 1, of the Constitution gives each Annual Conference the privilege of making its own regulations for the election of delegates. Any conference not making such provision is expected to conform to the provisions of the Discipline found on page 70, Section 30. Contrary to the law as there expressed, some pastors continue to act as chairman of the membership meeting; others entirely ignore the membership meetings in both stations and circuits and elect a delegate at the quarterly conference. We do not claim these violations are from any disregard for the law of the church. While some may not be aware of the provision made in the discipline for such elections; others who are informed consent to act as chairman of these meetings only after earnest solicitation from the stewards themselves. We urge upon all pastors the importance of discouraging this tendency on the part of stewards who hesitate to assume this responsibility by refusing to comply with these requests and also that there shall be no election of delegates by the

quarterly conference only when it is absolutely necessary to do so.

We recommend the following as a substitute for regulation 19, as now published in the conference minutes.

#### **Regulation 19—Election of Delegates.**

1st—In Stations. In stations the election of delegates shall be by the qualified members under the direction of the stewards and whose credentials must be signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting. The pastor shall announce the time and place of such meeting at least one Sunday before it is held, but in no case shall he preside at the election of delegates.

2nd—In Circuits. In circuits a vote of the qualified members shall be taken by the stewards in each church on the charge, after due announcement by the pastor, for a delegate to the annual conference. The votes shall be brought in separate packages to the quarterly conference where they shall be counted. Anyone receiving a majority of all votes cast shall be declared the delegate elect, but if no one receives a majority the quarterly conference shall proceed at once to the election of a delegate. When it is necessary for the quarterly conference to elect the delegate, someone other than the pastor shall preside during the election, and whose name, with the secretary of the quarterly conference, shall appear on the credentials of the delegate.

3rd. In both stations and circuits and also at the quarterly conference all voting shall be by ballot and the election must be held at least ten days before the session of the Annual Conference.

G. R. HODGE,  
BENJ. F. BRYAN,  
T. E. HARRISON.

### **Report C**

#### **THE TREASURER.**

1916

Conference Session 1916.

##### **President's Salary.**

Apr. 8, Amount from District.....	\$ 3,098.00
To vouchers and cash.....	\$ 3,098.00

##### **Conference Expenses.**

Apr. 8, Amount from District.....	626.00
To Rev. J. H. Straughn Sec.....	626.00

##### **Ministerial Education.**

Apr. 8, Amount from District.....	591.00
To Rev. G. R. Brown, Sec.-Treas.....	591.00

**Seminary.**

Apr. 8, Amount from District.....	1,798.00
To Rev. H. L. Elderdice, Pres.....	1,798.00

**College Endowment.**

Apr. 8, Amount from District.....	1,592.00
To Rev. T. H. Lewis, Pres.....	1,592.00

**Home Missions.**

Apr. 8, Amount from District.....	2,292.00
To Rev. C. H. Beck, Sec.-Treas.....	2,292.00

**Foreign Missions.**

Apr. 8, Amount from District.....	2,733.00
To Rev. F. C. Klein, Sec.-Treas.....	2,733.00

**Church Home.**

Apr. 8, Amount from District.....	1,909.00
To James Pearre Wantz, Treas.....	1,909.00

**Deaconess.**

Apr. 8, Amount from District.....	873.00
To H. K. Muller, Treas.....	873.00

**Specials for Missions.**

Apr. 8, Amounts from District.....	7,378.00
To vouchers from treasurers.....	7,378.00

**Miscellaneous.**

Apr. 8, Amounts from District.....	5,253.00
To vouchers.....	5,253.00

**Superannuated Fund.****Receipts.**

1915

May 1, To Balance.....	\$ 245.05
July 31, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.....	1,400.00
Oct. 19, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.....	1,800.00

1916

Jan. 18, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.....	1,400.00
Apr. 8, To Check from T. A. Murray, Treas.....	1,954.16
Apr. 8, To Amount from District.....	4,159.00
Apr. 10, To Annual Dues .....	116.00

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\$11,074.21

**Disbursement.****1915**

July 31, By First Distribution to Claimants.....	1,244.00
Oct. 15, By Second Distribution to Claimants.....	1,613.00
<b>1916</b>	
Jan. 18, By Third Distribution to Claimants.....	1,244.00
Apr. 11, By Fourth Distribution to Claimants.....	6,274.00
Apr. 11, By Expenses of Cor. Sec.....	1.75
Apr. 11, By 10 % Am't. from Dis. to Invested Fund	415.90
Apr. 11, By Am't. of Annual Dues to Invested Fund	116.00
Apr. 11, By Balance.....	165.56
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	\$11,074.21

**Church Extension.****Receipts.****1915**

Apr. 8, To Advanced Assessments.....	\$ 602.00
Apr. 8, To Amount from Pastor's Envelopes.....	4,953.00
Apr. 10, To Annual Dues.....	119.00
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	\$5,674.00

**Disbursements.****1916**

Apr. 11, By Balto. City Ch. Ex. Society, \$500.00; Bethany, \$100.00; Bivalve, \$100.00; Calvary, \$150.00; Cambridge, \$200.00; Cannon, \$50.00; Centreville, \$100.00; Crumpton, \$50.00; D. C. Ch. Ex. Society for Salary, \$200.00; Deer Creek, \$50.00; Delmar, \$150.00; Dover, \$150.00; Eutaw, \$100.00; Evergreen, \$100.00; Fairfax, \$50.00; Federalsburg, \$50.00; Georgetown, Del., \$150.00; Greensboro, \$200.00; Harper's Ferry, \$50.00; Milford, \$250.00; Nichols Mem'l, \$100.00; Park Road, \$200.00; Parksley, \$100.00; Payson Street, \$200.00; Quantico, \$150.00; Selbyville, \$125.00; St. Michaels, \$200.00; Taylor Mem'l, \$450.00; Texas Mission, \$50.00; Tyreanna, \$100.00; Violetville, \$100.00; Wilton Heights, \$375.00; Md. Conf. Ch. Ex. Society, \$200.00.	
Notes of 1915 and Interest, \$490.00.....	\$ 5,592.96
Apr. 11, By Balance.....	81.04
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	\$ 5,674.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. NOWLIN, Conf. Treasurer.

## Report D

### TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference respectfully report—first, that the following are now members of the board, *viz*,—A. W. Mather, E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho and C. A. Benjamin, whose terms expire in 1918: J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts and T. A. Murray, whose terms expire in 1917: F. T. Little, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Roberts and F. K. Herr, whose terms expire in 1916 and whose successors are to be elected at this session of the Conference.

Second, We have been obliged to continue the Mrs. A. S. Eversole legacy of \$1000, as a temporary investment until after the adjournment of this session of the Conference, when the final payment on the loan will enable the board to make a permanent investment of the full amount of the legacy, and continue to use the interest thereon for church extension purposes.

Third, We submit herewith the annual report of the Treasurer of the Board, showing the receipts and expenditures of income from the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, and now subject to disposition by this Board of Trustees, as trustee under the will of Dr. Drinkhouse, in accordance with the terms of the trust created by said will.

Fourth, We report that the books and accounts have been audited and found correct in every particular by the standing committee of audit as required by the By-laws of our board.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

ROWLAND WATTS, Secretary.

### Treasurer's Report for the Year April 1915-1916.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer, in account with Trustees of the  
Maryland Annual Conference.

#### General Fund.

To Balance per last Report,.....	\$ 413.85
To Amt. received a/c Loan to St. Paul's church.....	\$250.00
To Amt received a/c Rent to property under McQueen Mortgage credit on account of amount advanced to redeem Tax claim upon said property.....	252.00
To Commissions on Income from Trust Estate.....	61.96
To Interest on Deposits.....	41.10
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	\$1,018.91

## CR.

By 1915 Taxes on McQueen Mortgage property.....	\$ 45.81
By Insurance on McQueen Mortgaged property.....	4.50
By Rent Safe Deposit Box.....	5.00
By Expenses of management, including expenses of of Trustees in attending Meetings of Board.....	37.32
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	\$ 92.63
Balance on deposit,.....	926.28
	_____
	\$1,018.91

Amt. Advanced a/c McQueen Mortgaged property as per last Report.....	\$720.66
Amt. Current Taxes paid as above.....	45.81
Amt. Insurance paid as above.....	4.50
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Total amt. paid a/c same.....	\$770.97
Amt. received from Rent.....	403.28
	_____
Balance due General Fund.....	\$367.69

## Drinkhouse Trust Estate.

To Balance of Income per last Report.....	\$1,385.54
To Income received from Investments.....	\$1,239.25
To Interest on Deposits.....	39.24
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	\$2,664.03

## CR.

By amt. paid Maryland Educational Endowment So- ciety for Ministerial Education under terms of Trust .....	500.00
By amt. paid to Baltimore Book Directory for use of "THE METHODIST PROTESTANT".....	700.00
By Commissions on Income carried to credit of Gen- eral Fund.....	61.96
Balance on deposit to credit of Incomes.....	1,402.07
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	\$2,664.03

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

April 1, 1916.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer with Vouchers, and find same correct as per above Report, and the Income from investments fully accounted for: and we have also examined the Securities held by the Drinkhouse Trust Estate, and find them all properly deposited in the Safe Deposit Box of the Conference Trustees.

T. W. DONOHO,  
ROWLAND WATTS,  
Auditing Committee.

### Report E THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Board of Finance begs leave to submit the following report:

We have distributed to the best of our ability the assessments laid by the Conference and herewith submit the lists.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, Chairman.

#### Assessments for General Conference Expenses.

Accomac, \$8; Alexandria, \$6; Amelia, \$4; Alnutt Memorial \$14; Bethany, \$6; Broadway \$8; Brooklyn \$6; Calvary, \$6; Chesaco Pk, \$2; Christ Church \$7; E. Balto., \$11; Eutaw, \$7; Evergreen, \$6; Hampden, \$10; Keen Memorial, \$7; Lauraville, \$3; N. Balto., \$10; Payson St., \$6; S. Balto., \$7; Starr, \$14; St. John's, \$14; St. Paul's, \$4; Violetville, \$4; Waverly, \$6; W. Balto., \$14; Wilton Heights, \$6; Balto. Ct. \$3; Bedford, \$10; Belair, \$8; Bivalve, \$7; Buckeystown, \$14; Cambridge, \$11; Campbell, \$6; Cannon, \$3; Caroline, \$7; Cecil, \$7; Centerville, \$6; Chesapeake, \$6; Chestertown, \$14; Chincoteague, \$6; Clayton, \$8; Concord, \$7; Conquest, \$6; Crisfield, \$14; Mariners, \$6; Crumpton, \$4; Cumberland, \$8; Cumberland Ct. \$6; Melvin Chapel, \$4; Deer Creek, \$4; Deer Park, \$6; Delmar, \$6; Delta, \$6; Denton, \$7; Dorchester, \$7; Dover, \$6; Easton, \$12; Elizabeth, \$11; Fairfax, \$6; Fawn Grove, \$7; Federalsburg, \$6; Felton, \$6; Finksburg, \$8; First Church, Newark, \$14; Franklin City, \$6; Frederick, \$7; Georgetown, Del., \$7; Georgetown Ct., \$6; Greensboro, \$6; Greenwood, \$7; Grove, \$6; Harbeson, \$6; Harpers Ferry, \$4; Harrington, \$7; Howard, \$7; Hurlock, \$6; Indian River, \$3; Kemptown, \$10; Kennedyville, \$6; Kent Island, \$6; Laurel, Del., \$12; Laurel Ct., \$7; Leeds, \$7; Leipsic, \$3; Lewes, Del., \$3; Lewistown, \$3; Liberty, \$7; Lisbon, \$8; Lowe Memorial, \$7; Lynchburg, \$7; Fairview, \$3; Mardella, \$7; Marley, \$6; Middleway, \$6; Milford, Del., \$8; Milton, Del., \$6; Mt. Nebo, \$6; New Church, \$6; New Market, \$10; Nichols Memorial, \$3; Northumberland, \$10; Oak Grove, \$4; Oxford, \$7; Parksley, \$7; Patapsco, \$3; St. Lukes, \$7; Taylor Memorial, \$6; Pipe Creek, \$7; Pittsville, \$7; Pocomoke City, \$8; Pocomoke Circuit, \$6; Potomac, \$7;

Powellville, \$6; Prince George, \$3; Quantico, \$4; Queen Anne, \$4; Reliance, \$7; Rowlandville, \$6; Salem, \$6; Salisbury, \$11; Seaford, \$10; Selbyville, \$6; Sharptown, \$7; Snow Hill, \$7; Stewartstown, \$7; St. James, \$8; St. Michaels, \$7; Susquehanna, \$7; Talbot, \$4; Texas, \$3; Trinity, \$8; Union, \$7; Union Bridge, \$6; Wallace Memorial, \$4; Warwick, \$7; Cherrydale, \$3; First Church, Wash., \$8; Georgetown, D. C., \$10; Park Road, \$3; Mt. Tabor, \$7; N. Carolina Ave. \$8; R. I. Ave. \$15; Westminster, \$12; Wilmington, Del. \$6; W. Wilmington, \$6; Williamsport, \$6; Whaleyville, \$6; Wye, \$6.—  
Sum Total \$1040.

## Report F

### ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

#### Of The Committee

Your Committee begs leave to report as follow:  
Recommendations.

1. We recommend that John Nicholas Link and Edward T. Kirkley be ordained, each having preached three years under the stationing authority of the Conference; provided, however, that each gives the usual pledge in open Conference to continue the Course of Study until it is completed.
2. We recommend that Albert C. Smith; George A. Robinson, he having voluntarily relinquished all claims on the Superannuated Fund; J. P. George; Chas. Wm. Cole; Austin R. Middleton and James Peyton Adams be received into the Conference on trial.
3. We recommend, that C. N. Alexander; H. L. Murphy; P. M. R. Schauer; Frank K. McCorkle; Archibald F. T. Raum; Lewis E. Haddaway; H. E. Norris; C. S. Larrimore and Harry Dobson be placed in the hands of the President.
4. We recommend, that Raymond W. White and John Lease Green be recommended to the Board of Ministerial Education for assistance.
5. We recommend, that in the event they are employed by the President, W. D. Short; W. P. Jump; I. S. Owens; Allan Haldeman; J. P. Adams; C. W. Cole; Harry Dobson; J. E. Medling; J. S. Eddins; W. H. Husung; H. L. Murphy; Clyde Haven; G. M. Sheridan; J. P. George; P. M. R. Schauer; G. A. Robinson; A. R. Middleton; H. H. Carroll; H. E. Norris; Albert C. Smith; C. N. Alexander; Frank K. McCorkle; A. F. T. Raum; Lewis E. Haddaway and C. S. Larrimore be given a license to administer the ordinances.

We report:

First, W. M. Snyder, having completed the course of study is passed through the course. J. N. Link and Allan Haldeman are passed to the third year. J. N. Link received one hundred in each of the following studies;

Theology, Sacred Geography, Fisher's Church History and Drinkhouse's "History of Methodist Reform". Edw. T. Kirkley, W. P. Jump and I. S. Owens of the first year's class are passed to the second year, except that I. S. Owens is continued in the first year in "Nichols Help" and in Drinkhouse's "History of Methodist Reform". W. P. Jump received one hundred in Broadus' "Preparation & Delivery of Sermons". W. D. Short is continued in the first year's class. G. A. Robinson, Albert C. Smith, Chas. Wm. Cole, J. Peyton Adams first year's class. C. N. Alexander, H. L. Murphy, P. M. R. Schauer, Frank K. McCorkle, Archibald F. T. Raum and Lewis E. Hadaway, now in the hands of the President, are permitted to take the studies of the first year. Harry Dobson is recorded as in the Preparatory Class.

Second, "The Historical Geography of The Holy Land" by George Adams Smith has been substituted for Barrow's "Sacred Geography and Antiquities" in the studies of the second year. In the Department of Sunday School Organization and Management the book for study for the first year is "Sunday School Experience" by Tralle and for the second year "Training the Teacher" by Schaufler.

J. L. MILLS, Chairman.

J. W. KIRK, Secretary.

## Report G

### CHURCH EXTENSION

#### Of the Committee.

Your Committee on Church Extension make the following report:

We recognize in the Baltimore City the District of Columbia and the Conference Church Extension Societies indispensable agencies in carrying forward Church Extension enterprizes and rejoice in the successful work accomplished by them.

We heartily concur in the arrangements by which the Free Methodist Society of South Baltimore familiarly known as William Street Independent Methodist Church becomes a Methodist Protestant Church.

We recognize what was formerly Ebenezer Christian Church near Felton, Del. as a Methodist Protestant Church, in accordance with the report of the Special Committee.

#### BOUNDARIES.

##### We Recommend:

First, That Texas Mission, Jones Memorial and Cheseco Park Churches be placed under the care of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

Second, That the name of what was formerly known as William Street Independent Methodist Church of Baltimore be changed to Lowe Memorial Methodist Protestant Church and be added to the list of appointments of this Conference.

Third, That the name of Ebenezer Christian Church be changed to Willis' Methodist Protestant Church and be attached to Felton Charge.

Fourth, That the name of Williamsport be changed to Harmony Charge.

Fifth, That the Conference Treasurer borrow the money with which to meet our financial obligations to Lowe Memorial; and the same to be paid the Treasurer of the Conference Church Extension Society to be disbursed by him as may be necessary.

Sixth, That this Conference acknowledge the claim of Wm. A. Melvin against the District of Columbia Church Extension Society for \$337.00 money loaned said Society, and direct the Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society to reimburse Brother Melvin as the Treasurer of said Society may find it possible.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

Baltimore City Church Extension Society for St. Pauls on salary \$150.; for Waverly, if supplied with married man, \$200. a total of.....\$350.00	
Amelia, for new church at Mt. Zion, provided they build this year.. 100.00	
Bethany, Baltimore, on salary, if supplied with married man..... 175.00	
Bivalve, for debt, provided they raise \$300.00 on debt this conference year .....	50.00
Calvary, on salary..... 160.00	
Cambridge, last installment..... 200.00	
Cannons, on salary..... 50.00	
Centreville, on pastor's salary..... 100.00	
Cherrydale, provided they raise \$200.00 on debt..... 100.00	
Conference Church Extension Society, for debt on Park Road Church \$250. and for pastor's salary \$200.00..... 450.00	
Crumpton, on pastor's salary .....	50.00
Deer Creek, on pastor's salary..... 50.00	
Delmar, on interest, provided they raise \$500 on debt..... 100.00	
Dover, on interest .....	150.00
Eutaw, on church debt, provided they raise \$500..... 100.00	
Fairfax, on pastor's salary, if supplied with married man..... 50.00	
Georgetown, Del., provided they raise \$500 on debt..... 100.00	
Greensboro, on pastor's salary..... 200.00	
Lewes, Del., on salary .....	50.00
Linthicum Heights, provided they raise \$300.00 on debt..... 100.00	
Lowe Memorial, for Rev. Thos. Lowe..... 1200.00	
Mapleside and Fairview, Cumberland, on salary if supplied..... 100.00	
Melvin Chapel, \$500 in four annual installments, provided they build this year..... 125.00	
Milford, last installment, already appropriated..... 250.00	
Parksley, for Hunting Creek Church, provided they raise \$200.00 on debt .....	50.00
Payson Street, on salary, if supplied with married man..... 200.00	

Quantico, on pastor's salary.....	150.00
St. Michaels, for Claiborne Church debt \$50.00, and Fannie Lowe Memorial Church \$100.....	150.00
Selbyville, on salary.....	200.00
Sharptown, \$500 in four annual installments, provided they build this year.....	125.00
Taylor Memorial, third installment of \$1000.....	250.00
Texas Mission, on church debt.....	25.00
Tyreanna, if supplied.....	200.00
Violettsville, on pastor's salary.....	100.00
Wilton Heights, last installmens on both appropriations previously made and \$500.00 in five annual installments.....	475.00
Wallace Memorial, provided they built new church this conference year, \$250 in two annual installments.....	125.00

G. W. HADDAWAY, Chairman.

EUGENE C. MAKOSKY, Secretary.

#### The Baltimore City Church Extension Society.

This Society has had a more successful year than it has had the privilege of reporting of late. In the first place it has cancelled its long standing indebtedness. It has had the pleasure of starting a new work at Chesaco Park. Its work at St. Pauls continues to prove most successful. Here it has a Sunday School of about 275; and a church which has had 49 accessions this year. The Waverly Church has taken a new lease of life under the pastorate of F. D. Reynolds. This pastor reports perfect peace and harmony on this charge this year; 70 conversions; 44 accessions; a Sunday School of 238, an increase of 80; the assessment paid in full, some in fact over paid; pastor's salary increased; mortgage cancelled leaving the church free of debt; parsonage repaired and furnished,—a rather good year indeed.

The Society makes the following recommendations, namely:

First, An appropriation of \$150.00 toward the salary of the pastor of St. Pauls for the ensuing year.

Second, \$150.00 toward the salary of a pastor supplying Waverly charge under the supervision of this Society provided he be a married man.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

#### The District of Columbia Church Extension Society.

The six Methodist Protestant Churches of Washington have paid this year in full the \$200.00 pledged towards the support of the pastor of Park Road. The churches have contributed other sums towards the Park Road

Church; but this money was handled by Dr. J. M. Holmes as Church Extension Agent. We are glad to note the progress made by Park Road, both in the Sunday School and the addition of members to the church.

W. A. MELVIN, President.

**Agreement Concerning Lowe Memorial Church.**

We, the undersigned, representatives of the South Baltimore Free Methodist Society of Baltimore City (commonly known as the William Street Independent Methodist Church, now worshiping in the church building located on the northwest corner of William and Clement Streets, in the city of Baltimore, Md.) the party of the first part and a committee representing the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, as the party of the second part, do, hereby covenant and agree that in consideration of the said South Baltimore Free Methodist Society (commonly known as the Williams Street Independent Methodist Church) becoming, by vote of its membership at a meeting duly called for the purpose, and by the adoption of the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church, a **bona fide** Methodist Protestant Church in connection with the said Maryland Annual Conference of the aforesaid denomination, the Maryland Annual Conference will, **First:** provide the Rev. Thos. Lowe, now pastor of the church of the aforesaid South Baltimore Free Methodist Society, the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200,) per year during the period of his natural life.

**Second:** The Maryland Annual Conference, as represented by the aforesaid committee, does further agree, and does hereby recognize the validity of the claim of the Rev. Thomas Lowe against the said South Baltimore Free Methodist Society to the amount of **Five Thousand Dollars** (\$5000), with the distinct understanding that the said local church, when it becomes a **bona fide** Methodist Protestant Church, does hereby agree to pay the said amount of \$5000, in instalments not to exceed **Five Hundred Dollars** per annum; provided that by mutual agreement between the local church and the Rev. Thomas Lowe a sum greater than \$500, may be paid in any one year. It being fully understood and agreed among all parties concerned in this transaction that the said sum of \$5000, nor any part thereof, is to bear interest.

**Third:** It is further agreed by the committee representing the Maryland Annual Conference, that in the event of the death of the Rev. Thomas Lowe before the decease of his present wife, the said Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will pay to the widow annually such sum or amount as is usually paid to widows of brief service in the ministry of the said Conference.

**Fourth:** The above agreement is to become effective and operative when, **and only when**, the South Baltimore Free Methodist Society, in its membership and official body, in its name, property and all its interests

shall have become fully and thoroughly and legally a Methodist Protestant Church in connection with the Maryland Annual Conference of the said denomination, and its leasehold and property interests are legally transferred to the Board of Managers of the Maryland Annual Conference Church Extension Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, to be held by the said Board until the aforesaid claim of \$5000 has been discharged. Whenever the said claim of \$5000, held against the property by the said Rev. Thomas Lowe, has been satisfied and discharged the said Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society shall transfer the title of the property back to the duly elected trustees of the local Methodist Protestant Church.

Representatives of The South Baltimore Free Methodist Society of Baltimore City.

R. J. BURTON  
JOS. H. VOLK  
ARTHUR S. LOWE  
GEO. W. TAYLOR  
JAMES H. WEST  
MARION MITCHELL  
J. H. FONTZ.

Committee of the Maryland Annual Conference—Methodist Protestant Church.

JOHN S. BOWERS  
F. T. LITTLE  
G. W. HADDAWAY  
J. FRANKLIN BRYAN  
J. M. SHERIDAN  
J. H. ROBERTS.

## Report H

### SUPERANNUATES.

Your committee respectfully reports as follows:

First, We recommend that \$4500 be assessed on the District.

Second, We report that Mrs. B. P. Truitt decessed during the year.

Third, We recommend that W. R. Graham, C. E. McCullough, and P. L. Rice be granted Superannuated relations. Mrs. J. H. S. Ewell makes no request for this year.

Fourth, We report that the Fund paid 100% for the year.

Fifth, We recommend the following appropriations:

	Invested Fund	Collections	Amount Allowed
J. W. Gray	\$480	\$20	\$500
R. K. Lewis	240	160	400
W. D. Litsinger	410	90	500
A. W. Mather	490	10	500
J. L. Mills	510		510
J. W. Norris	300	60	360
F. L. Stevens	190	160	350
W. M. Strayer	480	20	500

	Invested Fund	Collections	Amount Allowed
J. L. Straughn	390	110	500
J. G. Sullivan	290		290
J. A. Weigand	150	150	300
W. R. Graham	430	70	500
C. E. McCullough	270	80	350
P. L. Rice	90	260	350
Mrs. D. Bowers	60	15	75
Mrs. J. W. Charlton	155	30	185
Mrs. C. T. Cochell	95		95
Mrs. H. C. Cushing	65	50	115
Mrs. W. T. Dumm	75	125	200
Mrs. J. M. Elderdice	45	180	225
Mrs. W. J. Floyd	160		160
Mrs. S. T. Ferguson	100	50	150
Mrs. D. N. Gilbert	15	110	125
Mrs. S. A. Hoblitzell	210	40	250
Mrs. J. B. Jones	115	35	150
Mrs. J. L. Kilgore	90	10	100
Mrs. R. L. Lewis	115	135	250
Mrs. J. E. Litsinger	35	215	250
Mrs. W. J. D. Lucas	55	195	250
Mrs. A. D. Melvin	145	105	250
Mrs. C. B. Middleton	35	140	175
Mrs. H. E. Miskimon	60	40	100
Mrs. W. J. Neepier	155		155
Mrs. W. S. Phillips	115	285	400
Mrs. R. S. Rowe	205	45	250
Mrs. D. A. Shermer	10	65	75
Mrs. G. J. Smith	105	45	150
Mrs. S. J. Smith	10	90	100
Mrs. S. J. Valiant	15	85	100
Mrs. A. J. Walter	75	100	175
Mrs. R. S. Williamson	35	100	135
Mrs. H. F. Wright	65	185	250
Mrs. J. M. Yingling	15	35	50
	6155	4700	10855

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

S. W. COE, Secretary.

A. A. HARRYMAN.

JOHN BAYLEY JONES, M. D.

L. S. FLECKENSTEIN.

L. H. LeCATES.

## Report I

### LITERATURE AND EDUCATION.

#### Of the Committee.

#### I. LITERATURE.

Your committee rejoices to report that the Baltimore Book Directory shows such splendid results, the volume of business and profits in the Merchandise and Sunday School Departments being a decided increase over any previous years. While we regret to learn that there is a deficit from the "Methodist Protestant" of \$1,028.41 yet it is extremely gratifying to find that after this deficit is met from the profits of the other two departments there is still a net gain in the business for the year of \$2,408.34. The Agent of our Book Concern and the Editor of the "Methodist Protestant" are to be congratulated for the energy and efficiency which has made possible such a showing. Every effort should be made by our membership to increase both the circulation of the "Methodist Protestant" and the patronage of our Book Concern.

#### II. WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

We are gratified to learn of the satisfactory condition of Western Maryland College, as regards enrollment of students, educational work and financial outcome, and also of the enthusiastic campaign inaugurated by the students for increasing the enrollment in the hope that next year's attendance may be the largest in its history.

We call special attention to the fact that next fall the College enters upon the fiftieth year of its existence. Surely such a memorable event should be memorialized in a signal and suitable way commensurate with its importance. We have reached that stage in our Church history where we can pause for a moment to thank God for what He has so wondrously wrought in the past and to take courage for the future. No more worthy memorial can be suggested than to secure the perpetuity of this Institution by increasing the endowment fund to \$200,000 by July 1st, 1917. We earnestly urge our people to heartily co-operate with every plan that may be employed to bring to a successful issue this attempt.

#### III. WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We congratulate Westminster Theological Seminary upon its increase of two students over last year's enrollment. Total number now in attendance being twenty-eight, representing twelve conferences, the graduation this year of eight students and also upon the fact that the regular curriculum has been supplemented by a course of lectures delivered by ministers from various conferences.

We recommend that the usual assessment be laid; that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as president for the ensuing year and that J. M. Gill, J. L. Mills, J. W. Kirk, T. Pliny Fisher, and T. W. Mather be the Maryland Conference members of the Board of Governors for the ensuing quadrennium.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

J. L. ELDERDICE, Secretary.

**Of the Baltimore Book Directory.**

Dear Brethren:

According to our usual custom we submit herewith for your information Statements in reference to the Baltimore Book Concern business for the fiscal year, ending February 29, 1916. It is gratifying to note that the Merchandise and Sunday School Departments show decided increases in the volume of business and profits over any previous years of their existence. We deeply regret that we cannot say as much for the Methodist Protestant. After exhausting every possible means to improve conditions, we show a loss of \$1,728.41 in publishing the paper. Although this amount has been reduced on account of a payment to us of \$700.00, part of the income derived from the Drinkhouse Estate during the past year, by the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, nevertheless we still have a deficit of \$1,028.41. The unanimous opinion of our Board is that under a proper interpretation of the will of Dr. Drinkhouse, the entire income, under present conditions, should be applied in meeting this shortage.

By order of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. MEGINNIS, President.

April 4, 1916.

**Balance Sheet Of The Methodist Protestant Book Concern as of  
Feb. 29, 1916.**

**Assets.**

**Current Assets:**

Cash .....	\$ 1,119.75
Suspense account Methodist Protestant.....	98.79
Advertisers, Methodist Protestant.....	374.35
Advance Order, S. S. Period's .....	1,531.25
Trustees Maryland Annual Conference.....	208.30
Baltimore Post Office, (deposit) .....	27.00
Accounts Receivable.....	4,332.63
Total current assets.....	\$ 7,692.07

Reserve:		
Baker, Watts & Co., (deposit) .....	4,493.90	
Working and Trading Assets:		
Methodist Protestant Paper.....	35.10	
Sunday School Periodicals.....	86.35	
Merchandise .....	14,222.82	
		14,344.27
Total Working and Trading Assets.....		14,344.27
Fixed Assets:		
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1.00	
Deferred Charges to Expense:		
Merchandise Expense.....	234.41	
General Expense.....	158.59	
Property Improvement and Expense.....	616.73	
Total deferred Charges to Expense.....		1,009.73
		27,540.97
Total Assets.....		27,540.97

#### Liabilities and Capital

Current Liabilities:		
Method't Protestant Subscribers (advance sub)	474.25	
Sunday School Periodicals Subscribers (ad-		
vance orders).....	603.34	
Accounts Payable.....	1,561.14	
		2,638.73
Total Current Liabilities.....		2,638.73

#### Surplus.

Appropriated:		
General Conference.....	481.67	
Reserve for Bad Debts.....	129.98	
Free:		
Emergency Fund.....	4,290.59	
Total Surplus.....		4,902.24

#### Capital Liabilities.

Capital .....	20,000.00
Total Liabilities and Capital.....	\$27,540.97

CHAS. REINER, JR., Agent.

**General Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending  
Feb. 29, 1916.**

**Income.**

**Methodist Protestant:**

Sales .....	\$ 3,749.70
Advertising .....	761.80
Suspense account (over).....	82.50
Income from Drinkhouse Legacy.....	700.00
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Total income for Methodist Protestant.....	5,294.00

**Sunday School Periodicals:**

Sale .....	13,236.18
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**Merchandise:**

Sales .....	26,235.77
Commissions and Discounts.....	157.09
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Total income from Mdse.....	26,392.86
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**Income from other Sources:**

Interest .....	131.54
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	\$45,054.58

**Expenditures.**

**Methodist Protestant:**

Commissions and Discounts .....	\$ 80.01
Paper .....	559.77
Postage .....	189.59
Expense .....	213.19
Printing .....	2,829.91
Salary .....	2,142.55
General Expense.....	307.39
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Total Expenditures Methodist Protestant .....	6,322.41
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**Sunday School Periodicals:**

Purchases .....	8,773.98
Postage, Express and Freight.....	467.07
Expense .....	246.94
Salary .....	1,440.34
General Expense .....	307.39
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Total Expenditures, S. S. Periodicals.....	11,235.72
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## Merchandise:

Purchases .....	19,422.46
Salary .....	2,400.57
Mdse. Expense.....	1,580.28
General Expense.....	307.40
Postage, Express and Freight.....	262.32
Total Expenditures, Mdse.....	23,973.03

## General:

Furniture and Fixtures, dept.....	595.24
Expenses on Property.....	519.84

Total Expenses other than Operations.....	1,115.08
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## Net Profits distributed as follows:

General Conference, 20 %.....	481.67
Reserve 30 % Accts. Receivable.....	129.98
Balance to Emergency Fund.....	1,796.69

Total Net Profits for year.....	2,408.34
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	\$45,054.58
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CHAS. REINER, JR., Agent.

**Of the President of Western Maryland College.**

To the Maryland Annual Conference  
of the Methodist Protestant Church,  
Dear Brethren:—

I have the honor to present you a report of the past year in which I have served as President of Western Maryland College for the thirtieth year. The occasion is one which I might pardonably use in reminiscences, for certainly it is unusual for one to occupy such a position so long, and certainly great changes have happened in those years.

But I turn rather to the future, for a College dies when it ceases to grow to better and broader things.

We are to enter next fall upon the fiftieth year of our College history. We wish to mark that event with some unusual and not unworthy memorials. The students have entered with great enthusiasm upon a campaign for increasing the enrollment so that we may have next year the largest attendance in our history. I hope many will be found in this body disposed to assist in this campaign. I am sure we could find no more successful agents than in the members of this conference who will remember to speak of us when young people are in mind. And I am sure no more worthy memorial

could be presented than this record-breaking enrollment to vindicate the vigor and prosperity of the College after its long and arduous career.

But while this is more desirable and it does not seem improbable of realization that we should have 300 students next year, there is another memorial still better, when the future is considered. A College which has lived so long and to such good purpose ought not to die at all. And to secure its perpetuity the one thing needful is an endowment. The endowment regarded by those who know as the least that can be considered is \$200,000, safely invested and wisely used. We now have not quite the half of that, and it is the wish of the trustees and Alumni to secure an amount by July 1st, 1917 that will give us the minimum endowment. I am not prepared to give any plans for doing this for it is still in the uncertain stage of preparation. But I trust this conference will encourage the attempt. It seems a great venture but its success would be a great success.

The current year has been a satisfactory one except that we have been seriously embarrassed financially owing to our inability to collect the money due us by the State. I hope now however that our difficulties are at an end and we are soon to be paid in full. The State continues to aid us by granting scholarships and we believe it will be more disposed to aid us the more worthy we make the institution. Our attendance and current work has been about as usual, and we hope to close the year without debt.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

#### Of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary.

The Board of Governors of The Westminster Theological Seminary report a year of peace and prosperity in this "School of the Prophets." Twenty-eight students have enrolled, an increase of two over last year's enrollment. The student body represents twelve conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Alabama 1, Indiana 1, North Illinois 1, Onondaga 1, Pittsburgh 1, West Virginia 1, Muskingum 2, North Missouri 2, North Carolina 3, Ohio 3, Eastern 4, Maryland 7, and the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church 1. The Graduating Class numbers eight: William Andrew Judy of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Isaac Miller of Ohio, Walter Wilson of New Jersey, Stephen Yemm of Illinois, Ernest Ralph Biggs and Fred Blaine Gilhousen of Missouri, and James Peyton Adams and Charles William Cole of the Maryland Conference.

The regular curriculum has been supplemented by a course of lectures delivered by ministers from various conferences; certain churches have contributed to the Emergency, the Endowment, and the Scholarships Funds; several individuals have aided the Library by both cash and books; Mrs. Jane Coon of the Westminster church left a legacy of \$100; the Scholarship distributive fund has been augmented by \$500 from the Trustees of the

Drinkhouse Estate, the interest from an invested fund of \$6695, the annual contributions of the Alumni, amounting to nearly \$300, Grace and St. Paul's churches of the Eastern Conference, J. D. Baker, "Cash", T. W. Mather, and W. W. Hubbard \$100 each, other churches and individuals lesser sums. The three cottages are valued at about \$10,000 and the invested Endowment Fund is about \$3,000.

Our most urgent need is more money for the Scholarship Fund in order to make possible the education of needy men already enrolled and to secure the attendance of others who are induced to go elsewhere because of financial inducements beyond our present power to duplicate.

We recommend the assignment of H. L. Elderdice as president for the ensuing year, and the usual assessment.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. L. MILLS, President Board of Governors.

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## Report J

### YOUNG PEOPLES WORK.

#### Of the Committee.

#### FIGURES

There has been reported to this Conference 34,183 scholars in our Sunday Schools. Added to this are 1600 in adult classes not reported, making the whole number of scholars in our schools 35,783. There are 3,999 officers and teachers connected with the schools, making a grand total enrollment of 39,782, and an increase of 2,000 over the figures of last year. Some of the charges do not report the cradle roll and the Home department, which if reported, would much increase the numbers given. We hope next year to secure a more perfect report.

In the realm of Christian Endeavor, we are also glad to report progress. In the Y. P. S. C. E. we have reported this year 6695 and in the Junior 2831, making a total of 9526, an increase over last year of nearly 1000 members. These figures show the largest increase in recent years. Other statistics are at hand, but your committee has not had the time to tabulate them.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT.

There is certainly ground for encouragement in these figures as quoted above.

Added to this has come the wider vision of the place and power of the young people, in the life of the church; and with this widening vision has come a clearer understanding of the method by which the work can

the more surely be accomplished. The very beginning of all successful labor is to know what can be done and how to do it.

It is an encouragement to know there is a better co-operation among the laborers in this fruitful field.

It is a further cause of rejoicing that there is a constantly growing enthusiasm in the work which promises larger things for the future. Those who were present at the last convention of the Union held in Alnutt Memorial Church in October will testify that the enthusiasm of that great gathering has never before been reached, much less excelled by any similar convention held in the interest of this work. Hampden Church has the greatest adult Bible Class in the State, and there are few larger in the Country. By the grace of God we are doing things now, where in other days we only dreamed.

#### FALLOW FIELDS.

The time seems to be ripe for the attempt to accomplish yet larger things.

We need more teachers and more efficient teachers in all of our schools. These can be provided by the organization of Teacher Training Classes under competent leadership wherever possible. The trained teacher is a supreme necessity, humanly speaking, of the Modern Sunday School.

The Missionary vision and passion needs stimulation in the heart of our youth. For years now no young man has come forward in our conference district to offer himself for service in the foreign field. We are compelled to go out of our own conference for a missionary to work under the support of our conference union. We ought to pray that the God of Love may raise up, among our people, men who are willing to go forth to the ends of the earth with the evangel of Jesus. It is fallow ground.

The Home Department, and the Cradle Roll are fallow fields that give promise of a gracious harvest if we will only cultivate them faithfully. We must carry the Bible back into the home where it is so sadly neglected, we must unite the cradle and the cross.

The Christian Endeavor Society is a method of the widest usefulness. Its wonderful flexibility makes it available for every varied talent which needs training and stimulation in the spiritual life of the young. What we get out of this method depends upon how we use it. The department of "Increase and Efficiency" in the conference union has been organized for the purpose of assisting those who are seeking best results in their Christian Endeavor work.

To make the work of the church more effective, the Union has prepared a booklet for general distribution, which thoroughly explains the various departments of the Union, and contains other matter of interest for the conference.

Under his head we call attention to the Annual Denominational Convention of our Young Peoples Union to be held in Cambridge, Ohio, im-

mediately preceding the meeting of the General Conference. We hope if it is possible our Conference will be largely represented.

For the cultivation of these and other fellow fields there must be financial support. We recommend that the Conference continue to insist that each Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society contribute annually the sum of \$2.00 at least for the support of this work. So far the support this important work has received has not averaged 1 cent per capita for the membership of the organizations under its supervision. We also endorse the General Conference provision requesting of each Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society an annual offering averaging five cents per member for the support of the Denominational Board of Young People's Work.

#### GOALS.

It is well that goals be set before the aspiring youth of our Conference. The high achievement follows the high ideal.

1000 New C. E. Members,  
5000 New S. S. Scholars,  
1000 New Dollars for our Missionary,  
500 New trained teachers,  
1000 New souls for Christ.  
1000 New members in our Adult Classes.  
\$2.00 from each C. E. and S. S.

#### WANTED—A MAN.

With a persistency worthy so holy a cause the Conference Union continues to call for a man in the field, for a time at least, to organize, direct and enthuse the work for greater efficiency.

It is apparent that the work has already outgrown the means which heretofore has sought to direct it. Busy pastors cannot do the work that needs to be done in this department of our church life. We need somebody to give his whole time to it. If the man can be found your committee believes the financial problem can be solved without heavily burdening the church for his support. In this call we are only following the lead of other churches that have found a Field Agent for its work among the young the finest kind of an investment.

We call upon all who feel the vast import of conserving, and training the young life within the bounds of this conference, and which is the greatest asset the church has, to pray earnestly that the man may be found and a way open for him to do the work that needs now to be done.

F. T. BENSON, Chairman.

J. F. BRYAN, Secretary.

## Report K

### MORAL REFORM

#### Of the Committee.

We are thankful to God that while the mightiest war the world has ever known is raging, our own great Nation is at peace. And we call upon the churches of our conference to earnestly pray that peace may be vouchsafed to the American people to the end of this period of strife; and that the President of this United States and all associated with him in national leadership shall heed no voice but God's and yield submission to no will but His, in this most awful crisis.

Believing that the greatest menace to our National security is not the possible enemy beyond our borders, but the real immoralities and vices of our people, we advocate that higher preparedness to be realized in such legislative programs for moral reform as tend to curb those vices and crimes which now degrade our manhood and disintegrate our community life; in such ethical instruction as will bring the conscience to a clearer knowledge of good and evil and to surer choice of right in the presence of wrong; and in such evangelism as will stir the hearts of our people into a passion for holier living.

We reaffirm our conviction that the preservation of the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest and worship is a fundamental necessity for the moral life of the community, for the influence of the home, and for the success and progress of the church.

We record our highest appreciation of the educational and legislative activities of the Lord's Day Alliance during the past year. We rejoice in its success and pledge our support in its labors for the future.

We recommend that the churches of the conference make contributions as far as possible to this cause and that the conference concur in the invitation of the Alliance of each of our Sunday Schools to become a sustaining member by the payment of \$5.00 annual dues to be sent to Rev. Dr. W. W. Davis, Baltimore.

And we also recommend that a committee of seven be appointed to cooperate with the Lord's Day Alliance in a campaign of education during this conference year.

We rejoice to know that St. Mary's County voted dry last year, and that now there are fourteen dry counties in the State. We are glad that the long struggle for temperance legislation in Maryland has at last won for us, the right to fight a decisive battle next fall. The election of 1916 will be an opportunity long desired by such citizens of this commonwealth as value men above money and righteousness above revenue. The church expects every man to do his duty. We therefore urge every temperance organization to forget all past differences of opinion as to methods and and to concentrate their united efforts upon the important work of voting

the saloon out of such parts of our state as are still defiled by its iniquitous traffic. And we beg the people of the dry sections of the state to give all possible assistance to those sections where the fight will be hottest. We would be glad to see an educational campaign conducted, in public schools and Sunday Schools; by tracts, posters and newspaper articles; by lectures and sermons; in tents, stores, openair meetings and churches. And we call upon the people for the harder and more distasteful task of doing personal work among voters and in careful watching at the polls. The State of Maryland will this fall engage in a death grapple with a foe that will use all means, fair and foul, to preserve its life. And victory cannot be won by an easy effort on the part of the people who would destroy the saloon.

W. S. HANKS, Chairman.

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## Report L

### BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

#### Of the Committee.

We have carefully examined the papers embodying the report of the Secretary of the Board of Deaconess Work and regret that the facts contained therein are not as encouraging as it was hoped they would be. There is still the same old cry—lack of funds causing the Board much embarrassment. We wish to lay emphasis upon the statement made in the committee's report of last year, that the imperative need of the Board is a home where we may house these young ladies and also enable us to establish our own deaconess training school. At the last meeting of the Conference the question of a home was discussed the Conference placed itself on record favoring the purchasing of a building to be used as such. \$1,000 was laid upon the district in the form of an assessment, but today we are apparently no nearer the solution of the problem than a year since. The differing of opinions of the Board as to the amount of money the conference might wish put in such a building have made it impossible of agreement. We would again call attention to the fact that but few of the pulpits have been open for the introduction of this work during the past conference year. Nine of our churches have had the services of the Deaconess and in three years past it is safe to say, that not more than one third of the churches of the district have given this splendid work any assistance whatever. We realize the need of more deaconesses and it is the judgment of your committee that when a suitable home is secured this great problem will be solved.

The Treasurer Reports \$562.41 received from April 8, 1915 to April 4, 1916 with disbursements amounting to \$434.41 with a note due to

Baker, Watts & Co. May 2nd for \$75 leaving a net balance of \$53.00 after the note has been paid.

We heartily endorse the work that is being accomplished at the Maryland General Hospital and reviewing the report of the committee on Visitation find it very favorable and we enlist the patronage of the members of this conference for this very worthy Institution in order that we may aid in its perpetuation.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st—That this Conference take some action expressing itself as to the amount of money that should be used in the purchasing of a home for the Deaconesses.

2nd—That each pastor preach a sermon during this conference year on the Deaconess movement emphasizing its need and thus encouraging the greater co-operation of the churches.

3rd—That the same assessment as last year be laid upon the district and under the same conditions, which are one half for home and the other half for current expenses.

4th—We urge the immediate organization of Deaconess Circles in the churches of the Conference and suggest that the Deaconess Board furnish literature to aid them in their work and whenever possible to send one of the deaconess to assist in the organization of such circles.

5th—We commend the earnest labors of Rev. Dr. J. M. Stick of the Maryland Tract Society and the Rev. Dr. Widerman of the Maryland Bible Society.

6th—We recommend that B. F. Ruley be made a life director of the Maryland Tract Society.

C. M. CULLUM, Chairman.

B. F. RULEY, Secretary.

#### Of the Board of Managers of Deaconess Work.

In our report of last year, we said: "It is probably true of every useful enterprise that it must have its embarrassing and disappointing incidents, along with those that are beneficial, encouraging and satisfactory". This is, perhaps, not less true now than it was a year ago. We still have but two deaconesses, Miss Lillian DeMoss, and Miss Elma L. Lewis, both of whom have proven themselves workers of great value in their chosen field of labor. Both of these young ladies have made enviable records during the year. They have been active and useful, and have not only met with the approval of the Board in their activities, but the cordial endorsement of the pastors and churches they have served. It is also, true, that all during the year, the supply has not been equal to the demand. Many times we had applications from pastors for the use of a deaconess, when we were compelled to say, that the two whom we had at our disposal were already engaged. On several occasions we were compelled to recall these useful workers from their field of activity to do the necessary work of nursing the

sick. We have tried to give the sick the preference, but by recalling our deaconesses from a field, where they are in the midst of a great task for God has been very unbeneficial to those churches where they were engaged. The simple fact is, we need more deaconesses.

The conference, by its action last year, urged the organization of Deaconess Circles for an increased co-operation in the churches, in the promotion of this work, and for the further increase of funds to help finance it. We are sorry to say, that no new circles have been organized, and most of them that had been formed are either disbanded, or have shown so little interest in the work as made their organization practically nugatory. However, we believe, that had we a Deaconess Home circles might more easily be formed, because they would then see some practical thing to do for this cause of the Master, whereas, now there is nothing to inspire persons to band themselves together in circles of service.

The Annual Conference, last year, also authorized the purchase of a Deaconess Home. This is a supreme need, but up to this time no home has been purchased. It is proper to say, that if a home could have been found, there were members of the Board ready to finance the purchase. A committee was appointed to look for a suitable property, but there were three definite reasons for not doing so.

First, The Board felt itself limited to an amount in price that the conference would endorse. What amount the conference would be willing to agree to created a difference of opinion.

Secondly, To purchase a high-priced property would be to invite opposition and criticism in the conference and in the churches.

Thirdly, To buy a moderate priced house with a high ground rent, would be to put a perpetual debt on the Board that would greatly hinder it in its charitable and beneficial work.

The committee examined many properties, and diligently sought to carry out the order of the conference. Two of the committee were competent laymen, whose judgment the Board and the Conference will respect, and their decision was adverse for one reason or another to every property examined.

And yet, this is a supreme need. Until we have a home we are handicapped in the work. We can have no deaconess school until we have a deaconess home.

The conference requested F. T. Tagg to visit the charges of the conference district to present the needs of the Board, and raise a fund for the work, but the conference was not enthusiastic for this to be done, and he declined to comply with the request. And it must be admitted, that when a man is willing to do a gratuitous work, it can hardly be expected of him that he will force himself upon the churches as an unwelcome visitor.

The collections for this work have been so small, that the Board has been forced to borrow money to pay expenses.

Here, also, is an enterprise in which it is impossible to make brick without straw.

We recommend, that the subject be considered in all its phases and bearings, and that such action will be taken as will enable the Board to develop the work.

It is a work that will richly pay for itself when well done. But, without co-operation and support, it is not worth doing at all.

The Discipline of our church says: "In every Annual Conference within which deaconesses may be employed, a Conference Deaconess Board, consisting of not less than nine nor more than fifteen members, one third of the number to be ministers, one third to be laymen, and one-third to be women, shall be chosen by the Conference to exercise a general control of the interests of this form of work. The term of the members of the Board shall be for three years, one-third of the number being chosen annually". We having fifteen members, are required to elect five new members at this conference.

At this time, we are required to elect two laymen, two ladies and one minister.

F. T. TAGG, President.

J. FRANKLIN BRYAN, Secretary.

#### **Of the Treasurer of the Deaconess Board.**

Receipts from April 8, 1915 to April 4, 1916.....	\$562.41
Disbursements .....	434.41
Balance.....	\$128.00

There is a note due Baker Watts & Co.,  
on May 2nd for \$75.00.

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#### **Report M**

#### **OFFICIAL RELATIONS.**

##### **Of the Committee.**

Your committee reports as follows:

#### **LADY VISITORS.**

Lady visitors to the Church Home have not been elected in all the churches of the following charges: Alexandria; Amelia; Chesaco Park; Buckeystown; Mapleside and Fairview; Felton; Grove; Lewistown; Mar-dela; Nichols Memorial; Northumberland; Oak Grove; Pocomoke Circuit; Salem; Selbyville; Tyreanna; Union; Williamsport.

## FURNISHING DISCIPLINES.

Pastors and Stewards of the following charges failed to co-operate to furnish disciplines: Accomac; Bethany; Calvary; Chesaco Park; Payson St.; Waverly; West Baltimore; Buckeystown; Caroline; Conquest; Crisfield; Mariners; Deer Creek; Delta; Federalsburg; Felton; Georgetown Circuit; Greensboro; Greenwood; Harbeson; Kent Island; Laurel Circuit; Lewes; Lewistown; Lisbon; Oxford; Patapsco; Pocomoke Circuit; Potomac; Selbyville; Sharptown; Snow Hill; Susquehanna; Tyreanna; Cherrydale; Queen Anne's.

## INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.

The following churches are reported as not incorporated: Bedford; Grove; Lewiston; Nichols Memorial; Selbyville; Whaleyville. The following have one or more boards of trustees not incorporated: Belair; Caroline; Cecil; Fawn Grove; Howard; Kent Island; Newmarket.

Eight-three charges report no new subscribers for the "Methodist Protestant."

The following charges paid assessments in full, and are entitled to a place on the Honor Roll: Accomac; Alexandria; Amelia; Alnutt; Broadway; Brooklyn; Calvary; Christ Church; East Baltimore, Eutaw, Evergreen; Hampden; Keen Memorial; Lauraville; North Baltimore; South Baltimore; Starr; St. John's; St. Paul's; Violetville; Waverly; West Baltimore; Wilton Heights; Baltimore Circuit; Bedford; Belair, Buckeystown; Cambridge; Cannon; Cecil; Centerville; Chestertown; Conquest; Cumberland; Fairview and Mapleside; Melvin Chapel; Delmar; Delta; Denton; Dover; Easton; Elizabeth; Fairfax; Fawn Grove; Federalsburg; Finksburg; First Church, Newark; Frederick; Georgetown, Del.; Harper's Ferry; Howard; Indian River; Kennedyville; Laurel; Leeds; Lisbon; Lynchburg; Milford; Mt. Nebo; New Church; Newmarket; Oak Grove; Parksley; Patapsco; St. Lukes; Pittsville; Pocomoke; Potomac; Prince George; Reliance; Salisbury; Seaford; Sharptown; Snow Hill; Stewartstown; St. James; St. Michaels; Texas; Trinity; Union; Union Bridge; Wallace Memorial; Cherrydale; First Church, Washington; Georgetown, D. C.; Park Road; N. C. Ave.; R. I. Ave.; Westminster; Wilmington; Williamsport.

The following charges did not pay their assessments in full: Bethany; Chesaco Park; Payson St.; Bivalve; Campbell; Caroline, Chesapeake; Chincoteague; Clayton; Concord; Crisfield; Mariners; Crumpton; Deer Creek; Deer Park; Dorchester; Felton; Franklin City; Georgetown Ct.; Greensboro; Greenwood; Grove; Harbeson; Harrington; Hurlock; Kamptown; Kent Island; Laurel Circuit; Leipsic; Lewes; Lewistown; Liberty; Fair View; Mardela; Marley; Middleway; Milton; Nichols Memorial; Northumberland; Oxford; Taylor Memorial; Pipe Creek; Pocomoke Circuit; Powellsburg; Quantico; Queen Annes; Rowlandville; Salem; Selbyville; Susquehanna; Talbot (No report); Warwick; Mt. Tabor; West Wilmington; Whaleyville; Wye.

**RECOMMENDATIONS.**

1st—We recommend that Rev. E. H. Van Dyke be loaned to the Board of Foreign Missions.

2nd—That Rev. Robert T. Tyson be loaned to the Board of Home Mission as pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church in Seattle, Wash.

3rd—That Rev. T. R. Woodford be loaned to the Board of Home Missions as pastor of Grace Methodist Protestant Church at Columbus, Ohio.

4th—That Rev. W. B. Judefind be granted a supernumerary relation.

5th—That Rev. F. D. Reynolds be left without appointment for one year at his own request.

**THANKS.**

We hereby express our thanks to the Burroughs Adding Machine Company for the loan of one of their machines by which the work of the Conference has been greatly facilitated. Also to the Remington Typewriter Company for a like courtesy in the loan of four typewriters.

The thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby extended to the pastor and members of West Baltimore Church for the use of their building in holding its sessions. Also to Mrs. Frank S. Lippy, #802 N. Gilmor Street, in giving her home for committee work.

The generous hospitality of the homes of Baltimore City has been a heritage long enjoyed by the Maryland Annual Conference, and we have often gratefully acknowledged the same, but it is with increased appreciation that we extend to them our thanks for their renewed hospitality in this our eighty-eighth session.

J. W. TROUT, Chairman.

H. S. JOHNSON, Secretary.

H. L. SCHLINCKE.

W. I. SIMPSON.

S. L. BAKER.

H. R. THOMAS.

**Report N****MISSIONS.****Of the Committee.**

The Excellent work of our Board of Foreign Missions in Japan should intensify our interest, stimulate our consecration, and increase our offerings for this great work of the world's evangelization. Our Board is doing in Japan through its various agencies ministerial and lay members, almost every phase of Christian work that is being conducted by the church at home.

The educational work embraces the management and training of the 452 male students of our Nogoya College, and the Yokohama night school with an enrollment of 287 scholars who are being fitted for active business life. The Tokio school for the blind, attended by 70 unfortunate persons, is being helped by the Board toward a self-supporting life, and a number of schools at other points are aided and assisted by our missionaries and native pastors.

The evangelistic work contains a working force, native and foreign, of forty men, missionaries, native pastors and evangelists who are engaged in preaching the gospel of the Son of God, and in teaching the great truths of the Bible, and in the organization and conduct of the Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies and other work.

Rev. E. H. Van Dyke, D. D. is returning to this Country on furlough after devoting nearly a fourth of a century to the work of Foreign Missions, and we recommend a continuance of the present relationship with the Board.

We commend the excellent childrens day program which is now ready for distribution, and we hope that the same will be used by each Sunday School in the Maryland Conference and the receipts from the same sent to the Treasurer of the Board immediately after the children's day services are held.

The Board of Home Missions continues its excellent work at many strategic points in the South and West and aid has likewise been rendered at some places within the domain of our Conference, and yet the Board cannot respond to many appeals that at times are urgent and persistent because of lack of funds.

Our Methodist Protestant Church at Paris, Texas, was recently destroyed by fire that swept over that prosperous City, and it is necessary that they rebuild at once but they must be aided by the liberality of the church at large.

We would emphasize three things,—

1st—The observance of Easter Sunday with a free will offering for the work of the Board.

2nd—That the pastors preach at least one sermon during the year on Home Missionary work.

3rd—That the assessments in full be secured as early in the year as possible and forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer.

D. L. GREENFIELD, Chairman.

J. McLAIN BROWN, Secretary.

#### **Maryland Branch of the Womens' Foreign Missionary Society.**

Begs leave to submit a report of its year's work and extend greetings to the Maryland Annual Conference in session in Baltimore, Md. We regret we are not able to report any gain in auxiliaries—and we earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of the Conference in our efforts to increase interest

and create enthusiasm among the women of the church especially where they are not organized and make an effort to organize them for the work of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

We would like an auxiliary on every charge. The need is greater than ever. We want to go forward, not backward. We have pledged ourselves to support Miss Dawson on the foreign field; scholarships and all items of the work are being supported. Total receipts to date \$1,469.02.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. E. KINDLEY, Foreign Secretary.

## Report O OUR CHURCH HOME.

### Of the Committee.

Your Committee begs leave to offer the following report:

The reports of the Board of Lady Visitors and of the Board of Governors show a very gratifying condition of affairs. The reports are herewith appended; we commend the business like management which they reveal. We call special attention to the annual Visitors Day, to be held during the session of the Summer Conference the first week in August: And we urge all of our pastors to bring this to the attention of their churches. It is gratifying to note a larger number of donations of the Conference during the past year.

The report of the Treasurer shows receipts for the year, amounting to Four Thousand and Forty Dollars and Ninety Two Cents (\$4,040.92), and disbursements amounting to Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty Seven Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$3,747.90), leaving a balance on hand of Two Hundred and Ninety Three Dollars and Two Cents (\$293.02).

The Investment Fund shows a balance on hand of \$4,926.81. We are glad to note that this is an improvement of former statements. There was paid on the assessment for this conference year \$1,909.00.

At the session of conference last year, the following recommendation was adopted, which we offer:

"That each charge in the conference be required to elect a Lady Visitor to the Home at the regular election held by the members of each charge and that these elections be held annually, and require that the names of the Lady elected be reported to the conference by the pastor in his annual report blank and that the Secretary forward the information to the Home."

The majority of the charges report the election of a Lady Visitor, but fail to give the name and address: fifty-two (52) only complied in full.

We recommend that the same assessment of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) be laid on the District for next year.

EDGAR T. READ, Chairman.

GEO. E. BROWN, Secretary.

**Of the Board of Lady Visitors of our Church Home.**

The Ladies' Board held its regular meeting the second Wednesday of each month during the past year, and two extra meetings for the transaction of special business. All monthly bills were gone over at each meeting in the endeavor to ascertain any leaks and to reduce expenses to a minimum.

We have to report the following necessary improvements to the House: automatic spigots at all wash bowls; matting rug for library; toilet on first floor; hall and one bedroom papered; dry well; portion of roof repaired; shutters placed on windows of two lower rooms used as storerooms; shelving of one of these rooms for extra supplies of jarred fruit.

The Matron was called before the Board at every meeting and matters of housekeeping discussed with her. It has been our plan to purchase all supplies in large quantities whenever possible, and to take advantage of laying in supplies when prices are low. This year we put up for winter use 125 fish, 60 dozen eggs, and 3 hogs. The coal was bought at the May price, and the cellar filled for the winter.

A very enjoyable and successful Lawn Fete was held at the House in May from which \$30.43 was cleared for the Home fund. \$18.43 was realized from the sale of fancy articles by the Inmates, which amount is entirely separate from the fund for the House, being distributed among the Inmates according to their work sold.

The Board has inaugurated the holding of an annual Visitors' Day. The first was held Sept. 22. Cards of invitation were sent to the Lady Visitor of each charge in the Conference, and a general invitation extended to all. The Ladies' Board solicited and donated the luncheon which was served for the small sum of 25 cts. Over 100 guests came to enjoy the good things and to make happy the Inmates by showing their interest in them and in The Home. Proceeds from the luncheon netted \$19.33. The sale of fancy articles by the Inmates amounted to \$19.61, which sum was divided among the contributors to the sale.

Visitors' Day, 1916, will be held during the time of the Ministers' Summer Conference here; thus, making it convenient for all preachers to attend, and thereby to become acquainted with The Home, the Inmates, and The Ladies' Board which, we hope, will be for the good of all.

The Christmas season was made a very happy time for our large family at the Home. They were given all the good things of the season for the inner man; this being made possible by generous donations and gifts of money by the friends of The Home and The Ladies' Board. In addition, each one was presented with a beautiful basket, decorated with red bows and holly, filled with candy and oranges.

Out of four applicants for entrance to The Home, only one was eligible, Mrs. Virginia Jackson, who entered The Home Feb. 17. The number of Inmates is now 17.

We have to report the death of two of our family this year—Mr. Michael McCann and Mr. William Dale, both, having been in ill health for some time, succumbed to the infirmities of old age. Otherwise, there has been no serious illness at The Home during the year; and with the exception of colds and grip, they are all well and happy.

We are happy to report numerous donations of jarred fruit, jellies, vegetables, meats, poultry, groceries, kindling wood, clothing, money, etc., from the many individuals interested in The Home and from the following churches: Sandyville, Patapsco, Waverly, Sharptown, Sandy Mount Aid Society, Chestertown, Harrington, St. James Sunday School, Finksburg, Pittsville, Uniontown Christian Endeavor, Ladies Aid Society of Lapidum, Ladies' Aid Society of Deer Park, Wilton Heights, Hurlock, Ladies' Aid Society Lynchburg, Congress St. Georgetown, D. C., C. E. Soc. of Grace Church, Parksley; Trinity and Phoenix, Marion Sta.; Sunday School Ass. of Westminster M. P. Church; Laurel, Milton, Howard.

The Cor. Sec. has sent reports of donations for publication in county papers and in The Protestant several times during the year. Cards of thanks have been sent to donors immediately upon receipt of contributions. We take this opportunity of again expressing our thanks to the many kind friends who so generously remembered The Home during the past year.

Respectfully,

The Board of Lady Visitors,

MRS. CHAS. BILLINGSLEA, President.

MRS. DENTON S. GEHR, Vice-President.

MRS. CARROLL ALBAUGH, Recording Sec'y.

MRS. T. H. LEWIS, Corresponding Sec'y.

MRS. GEO. K. MATHER,

MRS. JAMES PEARRE WANTZ.

#### Of the Treasurer of Our Church Home.

I herewith submit my annual report of receipts and disbursements of the Home for the Aged at Westminster Maryland showing receipts amounting to \$4,040.92 and disbursements of \$3,747.90 leaving a balance on hand of \$293.02.

I also submit my report of the investment fund which shows a balance on hand of \$4,180.00 in securities and \$746.81 in cash deposited on interest, making a balance of \$4,926.81.

An itemized report is attached hereto, and I would also call your attention to the report of the auditing committee, who audited this account, which report is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

**Statement of Jas. Pearre Wantz, as Treasurer of Home for the Aged of the  
M. P. Church, Westminster, Md.**

1915

Mar. 1915 Balance in hands of Treasurer as shown by last report.	\$ 33.68
Mar. 19, Cash from H. B. Jester of St. James.....	5.00
Mar. 23, Cash from E. T. Read of Westminster, Md.....	32.00
Mar. 31, Cash from A FRIEND.....	15.00
Apr. 1, Cash from C. P. Nowlin Treasurer.....	67.00
Apr. 14, Cash from C. P. Nowlin Treasurer.....	1,440.00
May 4, Cash from Cash returned by Matron of Home.....	1.50
May 12, Cash from estate of Mrs. E. O. Grimes.....	2.92
May 29, Cash from Misses Murray (Donation).....	5.00
June 3, Cash from 1200 old brick sold.....	4.20
June 30, Cash from investment fund (Loan).....	500.00
Aug. 2, Cash from C. P. Nowlin Treasurer.....	17.00
Aug. 3, Cash from Miss Murray Matron (Donation).....	.95
Aug. 16, Cash from Interest on Mortg. from T. A. Murray, Atty..	9.00
Aug. 30, Cash from investment fund (Loan) .....	500.00
Oct. 1, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer .....	45.00
Oct. , Cash from Agnes A. Long for papering room of inmate .....	5.00
Oct. , Cash from Messrs. Bennett & Lewis, attorneys .....	50.00
Oct. 19, Cash from St. Johns Church .....	13.59
Oct. 22, Cash from W. R. Graham, Chestertown, Md. ....	40.00
Nov. 3, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer .....	17.00
Nov. 6, Cash from investment fund (Loan) .....	500.00
Nov. 16, Cash from St. John's Church .....	6.00
Nov. 17, Cash from a Friend .....	100.00
Dec. 3, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer .....	15.00
Dec. 8, Cash from St. Johns Church (Thanksgiving Collection)..	10.92
1916.	
Jan. 4, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer .....	7.00
Jan. 12, Cash from Interest on Mortg. from T. A. Murray, Atty. .	9.00
Feb. 1, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer .....	7.00
Feb. 3, Cash from investment fund (Loan) .....	500.00
Feb. 10, Cash from telephone call refunded .....	.66
Feb. 12, Cash from Democratic Advocate Co. (Donation) .....	1.00
Feb. 23, Cash from Meals & lodging .....	1.50
Mar. 1, Cash from C. P. Nowlin, Treasurer .....	79.00
Total amount of collection for year .....	\$ 4,040.92
Total disbursements for the year .....	3,747.90

Balance on deposit Union Natl. Bank, Westminster, Md. .... \$ 293.02  
Westminster, Maryland, March 14, 1916.

We the undersigned committee do hereby certify that we have examined

the accounts of J. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer, of the Home for the Aged, both the General Account, Interest account and securities, and have found them all correct and intact, and all supported by the proper vouchers.

Signed

T. W. MATHER,  
ELIAS O. GRIMES  
F. K. HERR.

**Statement of Investment Fund of Home for Aged in Hands of Jas. Pearre Wantz, Treasurer.**

Balance as shown by last report .....	\$4817.44
Mar. 18, 1915, Cash from Mrs. Josephine Baile .....	460.00
Apr. 14, 1915, Amount refunded to this account from general fund which was borrowed during year .....	962.11
Aug. 1, 1915, Interest on investments .....	6.67
Nov. 27, 1915, Amount from estate Julia J. Coon .....	95.00
Dec. 3, 1915, Interest on deposit at 4 per cent .....	14.34
Feb. 1, 1916, Interest on investments .....	120.00
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	\$6475.56
Feb. 17, 1916, Entrance fee of Mrs. Jackson .....	300.00
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Total amount of receipts for year .....	\$6775.56

**Disbursements.**

May 19, 1915, \$1000 Bond Cons. Coal Co. Conv. 6% 1923 purchase	\$1010.00
June 11, 1915, \$1000 Bond Cons. Coal Co. Conv. 6% 1923 purchase	1005.00
June 30, 1915, Loan to General Fund .....	500.00
July 21, 1915, \$1000 Bond Cons. Coal Co. Conv. 6% 1923 purchase	1002.50
Aug. 30, 1915, \$1000 Bond Cons. Coal Co. Conv. 6% 1923 purchase	1011.25
Aug. 30, 1915 Loan to General Fund .....	500.00
Nov. 6, 1915, Loan to General Fund .....	500.00
Feb. 3, 1916, Loan to General Fund .....	500.00
Balance in hands of treasurer .....	746.81
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	\$6775.56

**Investment Fund in hands of Treasurer.**

\$4000 Consolidation Coal Company 6% convertible Bonds due 1923 carried at market price .....	\$4180.00
Cash on deposit Union National Bank of Westminster at 4% ....	746.81
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	\$4,926.81

Respectfully submitted,  
JAS. PEARRE WANTZ, Treasurer.

**Report P  
CONFERENCE PROGRAM.**

Your Committee on Conference Program respectfully submits the program, printed, already distributed to the Conference. This is the best arrangement of Conference business your Committee has been able to devise, built as it is on the experience of many preceding sessions. The Committee is very desirous that just as far as is possible the various committees will conform to this schedule. The Rule of the Manual which leaves Friday afternoon open for Committee work is of necessity suspended for this session in order to accomodate the disciplinary provision for a meeting of the Electoral College that afternoon.

JAMES H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

**Report Q  
AUDIT.**

**Of the Committee.**

Your Committee have carefully examined the Treasurer's Report of the Church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference; the Report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage; the Report of the Committee on publishing Manual; the Financial Statement in the Report of the Conference Secretary and find all these accounts correct.

We have gone over the Cash and Disbursement Accounts of the Conference Treasurer's Report and same appear to be correct. As soon as the Treasurer closes up his accounts a complete audit will be immediately made and report submitted to the next session of the Conference.

L. F. WARNER  
E. L. BUNCE  
W. E. SHEPPARD.

**Supplemental Report of Committee on Audit.**

At the last session of the Annual Conference your committee examined as far as it could the Cash and Disbursement accounts in the Conference Treasurer's Report and same appeared to be correct.

On May 1st, 1915, when the books of the Treasurer were closed for the year, a more careful examination was made and all items were found to be correct in every particular. All money has been duly accounted for and properly disbursed.

On the above date the balance in hand in The First National Bank of Havre de Grace, Md., was \$1775.05, with checks outstanding to the amount of \$1530, leaving a net balance of \$245.05 to the credit of the Conference Treasurer.

L. F. WARNER, Chairman.

## Report R

### EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

The Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church in Baltimore City submits its report for the year ending April 1st, 1916.

There have been no changes in the personnel of the Board of Directors during the year, or in the relation of the society to Western Maryland College.

The income from the Henrietta Gibson legacy has been promptly paid over to the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary for the education of young men for our ministry.

The sum of five hundred dollars from the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, as Trustee of the Drinkhouse estate, has likewise been expended by our society in the training of young men for our ministry in the same Seminary, in accordance with the terms imposed upon such beneficiaries by the will of Dr. Drinkhouse.

F. T. LITTLE, President.

J. W. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

## Report S

### STANDING DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

The Standing District Committee, in discharging the duties imposed upon it by the Conference of 1915—as set forth in Resolution 13, page 112, of the printed Minutes of that session—reports, that, acting for the Conference, we accepted a cordial invitation from West Baltimore Station to hold the present session of the Conference in that church on the same conditions that obtained in connection with the session of 1915 at the Rhode Island Avenue Church, Washington, D. C.—namely, an agreement to indemnify the said West Baltimore Church against any expense necessitated in providing entertainment for the members of the Conference not exceeding the sum of \$400,—the pastor and committee from said church assuring us that every effort would be made by their church, in connection with our other churches in Baltimore City, to provide entertainment for the Conference membership without any expense whatsoever to the Conference.

Your committee is unable at this time to state what amount, if any, of the indemnity thus assumed the Conference may be called upon the provide for. All the facts will be made known to the Conference in due time.

Believing we have done our best to meet the issue committed to us, we submit our report in the confident hope of your hearty approval of our course.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

T. A. MURRAY, Secretary.

## Report T

### PUBLISHING MANUAL.

Your committee to edit and publish the Conference Manual respectfully reports that, after much delay, the little book was finished and ready for sale in November, 1915.

Three hundred copies were printed and bound at the cost of \$60, for composition and press-work and \$30, for binding, with \$5, for incidentals, making a total of \$95, for the entire job.

The money to pay the bills was advanced by the secretary of Conference who holds the personal note of the committee for the amount. The committee fixed the price at fifty cents per copy in order to safely cover the gross cost of publication. The book being the property of the Conference the committee will pass the volumes to the custody of the secretary.

A notice in the **Methodist Protestant** to the effect that the book was on sale by the committee, resulted in the sale of thirteen copies at fifty cents per copy, less postage of eleven cents on copies shipped by mail, leaving \$6.39 in the hands of the committee, which will be turned over to the secretary to be credited on the committee's note.

Your committee submits herewith vouchers covering the items of expense, and recommends: first, that the report with accompanying vouchers be referred to the auditing committee, and, second that the President be requested to appoint a committee of two young preachers to sell copies of the book at this session of the Conference in order to reimburse the fund advanced by the secretary for the publication of the little volume.

F. T. LITTLE, Committee.

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## Report U

### COMMITTEE OF VISITATION MARYLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Your committee of visitation to the Maryland General Hospital, in Baltimore City, respectfully reports having discharged the duties imposed upon it by the Conference. We found the institution successfully keeping up its record for doing the most excellent work in its various departments. The splendid new surgery, now fully and finely equipped, is a highly valued addition to the efficiency and attractiveness of the hospital.

Some improvements have been made in the way of general renovation of wards, rooms, halls, etc., which, together with newly decorated walls and newly painted woodwork, add very decidedly to the appearance and cleanliness of the interior of the buildings. Other improvements along these general lines are in contemplation.

The change inaugurated in the matter of superintending the whole work of the hospital is, we believe, in line with the latest and approved

methods obtaining in such institutions and, in addition, results in a considerable saving in the matter of salaries.

The pressing need of the institution is for a large annual income. This ought not to be difficult of securement—would not be, your committee is persuaded if some practical plan could be devised to awaken a greater interest in the success of the hospital on the part of the many pastors and churches of the three Methodisms represented in the Hospital Association.

Your committee does not make any reconimendations on this part of its report. We simply content ourselves with urging upon the attention of the Conference the necessity that is upon the hospital for increased financial aid from all our churches.

F. T. LITTLE  
W. H. LITSINGER  
R. N. STEVENS.

### Report V

#### WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE SEMI-CENTENNIAL OFFERING.

It was fifty years ago and the Maryland Conference was in session at Starr Church Baltimore. On Friday morning, March 16th, a memorial was presented to the Conference from a number of the members and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church at Westminster, praying the Conference to give encouragement to a movement for erecting a college at Westminster.

There were seventy-five ministerial members of that conference and seven probationers. Rev. Rhesa Scott Norris was pastor of Pipe Creek circuit, of which Westminster was at that time one of the appointments. He had addressed a letter in the previous January to Rev. James Thomas Ward, pastor of the church now known as Rhode Island avenue in Washington, but intending to retire from active work as an itinerant on account of impaired health and reside in Westminster. The letter apprized Doctor Ward of the movement on foot for founding a college and expressed the hope that he might be willing to co-operate in this work upon taking up his residence in Westminster. Rev. David Wilson was also a member of this conference. He was to become pastor of Pipe Creek circuit two years later, to build a new church in Westminster and to make it a station. He was made chairman of the special committee to whom this memorial was referred. The conference had not learned the art of the secretaryship, and so the memorial itself was not recorded, nor the names of the other members of this committee, but the report of the committee was printed as adopted by the conference, and this is it:

"The committee to which the papers of Mr. F. R. Buell, Principal of Westminster Academy were referred, report:

That at a meeting of the members and friends of the Methodist Protestant church, held in the city of Westminster, in February last, and which

was respectably attended, resolutions were unanimously adopted endorsing said institution, and recommending it to the favor of the conference, and asking for its recognition by the conference.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolutions, viz.

Resolved, first, That we cordially commend Professor Buell as a gentleman well qualified for the position of an educator of youth, and respectfully recommend said institution to the patronage of the members and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, secondly, That we have heard with pleasure of the intention of Bro. Buell, of erecting, during the present year, and on a commanding and highly eligible locality, near the city of Westminster, a spacious building, in prospect of converting the said Westminster Academy into a college of respectable grade. We hereby commend this matter to the favorable consideration of the conference and the Church at large.

(Signed) D. WILSON, ch'm."

Those of you who knew "D. Wilson, ch'm." will not need to be told that this was not the entire report of this committee. He was a man of large faith and hope. Without doubt he expressed both in writing about this enterprise. But most of this the conference struck out and the very tame, non-committal answer the conference made to the petitioners in no sense represented the chairman. The secretary, however, did not think it necessary to enlighten us on that matter, and so we only know that after striking out, the Conference adopted what was left.

At the ensuing conference in 1867, the camel pushed a little further in. On representation and request of the memorialists, the Conference agreed to name a "Board of Directors" to assist in the selection of suitable instructors and in the management of said institution".

Thus was launched fifty years ago the good ship Western Maryland, without a cargo, or sailing master, or chart, or anything but prospects.

Of the eighty-two ministers in the conference when this memorial was presented, only six remain with us to-day. And of the twelve named as a Board of Directors, all are gone. Gone also that noble band of laymen who came to the rescue and hoping against hope in the dark days held the ship on its course and waited for the dawn.

The Maryland Conference at this time embraced a membership of 7,864. The denomination had been decimated by the Civil War just closed, and hardly another Conference in the connection was intact. The General Conference met that same year and only four annual conferences sent representatives. No statistics were published and it is impossible to tell how many members the denomination had. But taking the report made in 1877 of 57,405, and the fact that Maryland had then over 12,000 members, it is safe to assume that there were not more than 35,000 members in the whole Methodist Protestant Church at the time this Conference entered upon its recognition of this movement. Of course they did not know what they were doing. Careful and conservative as they were, and timid about as-

suming obligations, cutting out even favorable or flattering expressions of hope from its committee's report, they were nevertheless taking up the greatest responsibility ever assumed by this conference, and one fraught with more important results and far-reaching consequences. Doubtless those portions of the report which the conference struck out would be enlightening at this point, had the secretary found time to record them. But it is safe to assume that the conference never dreamed of undertaking to establish or to finance or to manage a college, when Doctor Wilson in his bright, sanguine way made that pleasant report of the splendid prospects ahead of the Westminster Academy on that "commanding locality near the city of Westminster".

But unconsciously or not they have a right to the glory of doing it. They found themselves in the path, doubtless with some bewilderment; a path long and difficult, sometimes almost impassible for briars and thorns, but they found out after a while where it was leading them, and then they faltered not. Glory to the men of old! From this peak of the years we owe them all the grand salute. They knew nothing about colleges, but they knew the voice of duty and destiny when it sounded and they answered to the call. Willing to make mistakes if necessary, ready to sacrifice that their children might have what they lacked, they went out not knowing whither they went, because they were not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

And, strange beyond all conception, this dream of theirs came true. They really did found a college and it lived and grew and is soon to celebrate its semi-centennial. Most colleges die in infancy and many run to seed in a generation, but Western Maryland College, founded by men who did not know what they were doing, still lives. And, living to make a reputation in its own State equal to that of any other college in the State, bringing along with this a recognition of the Legislature expressed in substantial aid financially, it has also won a patronage among the people of all denominations.

Its material prosperity is as astonishing as the other phases of its history. It reads like a financial romance. I think I could safely challenge the whole country to produce another record like this, that a college charging a low rate to students so as to place its benefits within reach of those not rich, or even well to do, should for thirty years regularly pay all its current expenses out of its current receipts. Not one dollar of endowment has been used, not a single contribution of any sort has ever been applied to current expenses. It found the philosopher's stone, pay as you go. More than this it has secured a plant which represents an expenditure of \$400,000 and could not be replaced for that. All paid for except a temporary debt which will be paid off before July 1st, 1917.

More beautiful and just as remarkable is the intellectual uplift it has given the Church. Of the 75 ministers who voted to recognize and favor this project in 1866, only one of them, an honorary member, was a College graduate, and probably not five of them had ever attended a single session of College. Now, of 139 ministers in the Conference, 89 are graduates of the College or Seminary or both, or have received their education there.

And among the membership the change is more significant and effective. No one can number the good that has gone out from the young men and women who have received their intellectual inspiration on College hill and spread it abroad over the Methodist Protestant Church. Of the 3352 students enrolled from the beginning, how many communities are represented and how much leadership has developed. The result is beyond figures. The College has become and will grow more and more to be the center of our intellectual life and progress.

Another phase of the story must be told. In 1881 the first assessment was laid for the College on the district resulting in a collection of \$338. The next year this was increased to \$471 and the collection was directed to the Seminary to pay the salary of the President. Thereafter it continued to be used for the same purpose, and was increased to an amount averaging \$1200. In 1901 the Conference agreed that the President of the College might solicit from the Sunday Schools a collection for the College. After traveling the district and preaching on the subject, a collection was secured amounting to \$727. In 1902 the Conference was induced to include this among the other assessments, and the amount increased to \$1339. So for the following years it has continued and in the fifteen years has aggregated about \$20,000. All this money has been invested for the endowment fund and none of it, not even the interest has been used. The basis of this assessment is five cents for each Sunday School officer, teacher and scholar. I am about to close these remarks with a motion that this Conference do another remarkable thing in connection with this College. We ought to signalize the close of fifty years of such history. A joint committee of the trustees and alumni have agreed to concentrate their efforts on increasing the endowment so as to reach the minimum of a standard college, \$200,000. Other agencies will be solicited for this purpose, but the Sunday Schools must not be left out. Indeed it ought to lead the way, for this is peculiarly a work for children, and some of it should be done by children. The children have given cheerfully and generously, but now they should do something to match the large attempt of their fathers.

I therefore move you, Brother President, that in view of the remarkable history of the Western Maryland College, the wonderful Providence that has led this Conference on step by step to a consummation which no one would have believed possible, and in grateful recognition of all this institution means to us and will mean to our children, we celebrate its fiftieth anniversary by ordering that the assessment on the Sunday Schools for this year only be increased from its present rate of five cents to fifteen cents for each officer, teacher and scholar, so as to raise this year Five Thousand dollars as the Sunday School semi-centennial offering to the endowment.

T. H. LEWIS.

The Conference adopted the following resolution as a substitute for the above motion:

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to apportion among

the Sunday Schools of the District, as an assessment, the sum of \$3500, as a special semi-centennial offering to the endowment of Western Maryland College and print the same in the Minutes.

G. W. HADDAWAY  
L. B. SMITH.

The following is the apportionment by the Committee:

Accomac, Va., \$40; Alexandria, Va., \$22; Amelia, Va., \$14; Alnutt Memorial, \$50; Bethany, \$22; Broadway, \$24; Brooklyn, \$16; Calvary, \$40; Cheseco Park, \$4; Christ Church, \$28; East Baltimore, \$14; Eutaw \$18; Evergreen, \$14; Hampden, \$38; Keen Memorial, \$30; Lauraville, \$20; North Baltimore, \$20; Payson St., \$20; South Baltimore \$20; Starr, \$22; St. John's, \$38; St. Paul's, \$24; Violetville, \$12; Waverly, \$16; West Baltimore, \$40; Wilton Heights, \$22; Baltimore Ct., \$20; Bedford, Pa., \$56; Belair, \$20; Bivalve, \$22; Buckeystown, \$30; Cambridge, \$30; Campbell, Va., \$4; Cannon, Del., \$16; Caroline, \$32; Centerville, \$12; Chesapeake, \$14; Chestertown, \$22; Chincoteague, Va., \$20; Clayton, Del., \$30; Concord, Pa., \$24; Conquest, Va., \$18; Crisfield, \$78; Mariners, \$28; Crumpton, \$8; Cumberland, \$38; Cumberland Ct. \$44; Deer Creek, \$16; Deer Park, \$38; Delmar, \$38; Delta, Pa., \$26; Denton, \$36; Dorchester, \$28; Dover, Del., \$12; Easton, \$18; Elizabeth, N. J., \$30; Fairfax, Va., \$24; Fawn Grove, Pa., \$30; Federalsburg, \$14; Felton, Del., \$20; Finksburg, \$44; 1st Church, Newark, N. J., \$68; Franklin City, Va., \$42; Frederick, \$42; Georgetown, Del., \$20; Georgetown Ct., \$32; Greensboro, \$6; Greenwood, Del., \$36; Grove, \$28; Harbeson, Del., \$28; Harpers Ferry, W. Va., \$18; Harrington, Del., \$14; Howard, \$30; Hurlock, \$18; Indian River, \$6; Kemptown, \$52; Kennedyville, \$8; Kent Island, \$10; Laurel, Del., \$24; Laurel Ct., \$36; Leeds, \$20; Leipsic, \$18; Lewes, Del., \$8; Lewistown, \$24; Liberty, \$22; Lisbon, \$56; Lynchburg, Va., \$14; Mardela, \$48; Marley, \$26; Milford, Del., \$44; Milton, Del., \$22; Mt. Nebo, \$34; New Church, Va., \$34; New Market, \$44; Nichols Memorial, \$18; Northumberland, \$8; Oak Grove, \$8; Oxford, \$26; Parksley, Va., \$46; Patapsco, \$8; Philadelphia, St. Lukes, \$46; Taylor Memorial, \$62; Pipe Creek, \$20; Pittsville, \$42; Pocomoke City, \$28; Pocomoke Ct., \$18; Potomac, Va., \$28; Powellville, \$34; Prince George, \$4; Quantico, \$6; Queen Anne, \$10; Reliance, \$32; Rowlandville, \$14; Salem, \$8; Salisbury, \$60; Seaford, Del. \$36; Selbyville, Del., \$38; Sharptown, \$40; Snow Hill, \$24; Stewartstown, Pa., \$24; St. James, \$30; St. Michaels, \$30; Susquehanna, \$24; Texas, \$4; Trinity, \$20; Union, \$44; Union Bridge, \$12; Wallace Memorial, Virginia, \$18; Warwick, \$16; Washington—Cherrydale, \$34; First Church, \$38; Georgetown, \$10; Park Road, \$12; Mt. Tabor, \$14; N. C. Ave., \$36; R. I. Ave., \$46; Westminster, \$20; Wilmington, Del., \$14; West Wilmington, Del., \$14; Williamsport, \$24; Whaleyville, \$26; Wye, \$12.

J. W. KIRK.  
T. O. CROUSE.  
F. M. WILSON.

Committee.

## Report W

### QUANTICO CHURCH.

Your Committee reports that it has not been able to sell the Quantico Church. An earnest effort has been made to dispose of same, but up to the present time nothing of a definite character can be reported.

We recommend the continuance of a committee for the ensuing year.

L. F. WARNER, Chairman.

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## Report X

### MIDDLEWAY CHURCH.

Your Committee on Middleway Charge submits the following report: The pulpit has been filled once each month for the past nine months by the pastor from Harpers Ferry Charge. The Church has received a war claim of \$700.00 which amount has been expended in the improvement of the property, which property is in splendid condition.

At a membership meeting recently held the request was made that the present relation continue for the ensuing year and your committee suggests a continuation of the same relation.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Y. NICHOLSON, Chairman.

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## Report Y

### WEST WILMINGTON CHURCH.

The Special Committee on West Wilmington Church wishes to report as follows:

We have visited this church recently and with, the aid of the pastor, have investigated, as thoroughly as possible, the affairs of this church.

While the congregations have been depleted and the people discouraged we are gratified to state that during the last year there has been some progress, and the outlook for the coming year is more hopeful.

The present pastor, brother Moore, has done the best he could and reports a Sunday School of 85 and a church membership of 43.

They have raised during the year for all purposes the sum of \$385.00. We recommend that the Committee be continued with authority to take any steps which may be deemed wise for the interests of the Conference at this place.

J. M. SHERIDAN.

J. H. STRAUGHN.

T. A. MURRAY.

**Report Z**  
**ON LAWSONIA CHURCH.**

The Special Committee on Lawsonia Church begs leave to report as follows:

The mortgage on the parsonage was foreclosed by the holder in September, since the Charge refused absolutely to meet the interest. One hundred and fifteen dollars was realized from the sale over and above the mortgage principal and interest. The interest on the church debt is paid up and the principal has been reduced by the amount of the sum realized from the sale of the parsonage.

As to the filling of the appointment your committee has no recommendation.

FRANK T. BENSON.

A. H. GREEN.

W. L. GIBSON.

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**Report AA**  
**ON FREDERICA CHURCH.**

To the officers and members of the Maryland Annual Conference:—

Dear brethren. We your committee appointed to look after our interest at Frederica, having reported at the last session of our Conference that we had transferred what ever claim we might have at Frederica for whatever claim another denomination might have in another church known as the Ebenezer Christian church. Whereupon this committee was continued by the Conference and instructed to secure a deed if possible for the land upon which stands the Ebenezer Christian church which is known today by the name of the Willis' Methodist Protestant church, do hereby report the following. We find it to be impossible to secure a deed to the land. The property seems to stand on land belonging to no one. Therefore no one claims the power to deed. It seems that years ago this was a public highway a part of four plantations; and a little change in the public road left this spot of land. When all parties concerned jointly built a house for Sunday School. There seems to be no record of it whatever. All of the information we can get is verbal. There are many different denominations represented in that community at this time; and all are not of one accord. Therefore we were advised by parties who are interested for peace sake not to bother with idea of a deed. We have the papers properly signed by the committee of the other denomination; and also we advised the keeping of a record of the proceedings of the congregation of the church in their decision to become Methodist Protestants, or when they changed their church relations.

The church at present is incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware; but not as a Methodist Protestant church because the proper papers have not been submitted. Therefore we recommend:

1st, That the pastor of Felton charge secure the proper papers and have them signed by two thirds of the trustees as the law requires; and have that paper or papers recorded by the recorder of deeds of Kent county, Delaware.

2nd, That this church be recognized as a Methodist Protestant church by the church extension committee of this conference; and attached to the Felton charge if it has not already been done.

Signed

L. A. BENNETT.

J. T. BAILEY.

J. W. FENNIMORE.

Committee.

# **RESOLUTIONS**

## **Resolution 1.**

Compensation of Conference Treasurer.

RESOLVED, That the compensation of the Conference Treasurer shall be \$50.00 per year.

J. M. SHERIDAN.  
F. T. LITTLE.

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## **Resolution 2.**

For a Better Sabbath Observance.

WHEREAS, The Scriptures declare that we should keep the Sabbath day Holy, and that no work or business of any kind except what is absolutely necessary should be performed, and

WHEREAS, The Sabbath day is being desecrated by work of different kinds, such as the running of cars, delivery and reading of newspapers, opening of theatres, and other kinds of business all of which is for pleasure and profit, and

WHEREAS, The participation in any of above mentioned is not only debasing, but has an exceedingly demoralizing effect, not only upon children, but adults as well, the baneful influence of whiich is apparent to all who desire to see the truth, and

WHEREAS, All christians who participate in above mentioned, are not only violating the Commandments and the whole teaching of the Scriptures, but doing a great wrong, and exerting a most pernicious influence over others, for which we will be held responsible. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Maryland Annual Conference now in session in Baltimore, do hereby pledge ourselves not to participate in above mentioned, but to exert every effort, and do everything in our power by example and precept, to persuade others not to do so.

J. W. BARSE.  
G. W. THOMAS.

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## **Resolution 3.**

Memoralizing General Conference on Sabbath Observance.

RESOLVED that this Conference memorialize the General Conference at its next session to establish a rule requiring annual conferences at sometime during each session to spend one hour in promoting the sanctity and proper observance of the Sabbath Day.

F. T. TAGG.  
J. L. NICHOLS.

**Resolution 4.**

Assessment for General Conference Representatives.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Finance be and is hereby instructed to levy an assessment of \$1000 on the Conference District for the expenses of the representatives to the General Conference.

F. T. LITTLE.  
J. L. NICHOLS

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**Resolution 5.**

Requesting General Conference Assessment by May 1.

RESOLVED, That all pastors and boards of Stewards be requested to secure the assessments laid upon the district for the General Conference expenses not later than May 1st, and forward the same to the Treasurer of this Conference.

G. W. HADDAWAY  
J. F. BRYAN.

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**Resolution 6.**

The College Assesment.

RESOLVED, That \$1850 be assessed upon the Conference District for Western Maryland College without reference to a per capita basis of the scholars of our Sunday Schools.

F. T. BENSON.  
G. W. HADDAWAY.

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**Resolution 7.**

Compensation of Secretary.

RESOLVED, That the compensation of the Secretary of the Conference be \$50.00 per year.

H. L. SCHLINCKE.  
F. T. BENSON.

**Resolution 8.**

Authorizing \$100 paid on Conference Entertainment.

WHEREAS, The Standing District Committee, acting for the Conference in arranging for the meeting of the present session agreed to indemnify the pastor and committee of the West Baltimore Church, not to exceed a certain amount, and

WHEREAS, The said Committee names the sum of \$100 as sufficient to satisfy such indemnity, therefore

RESOLVED, That the Conference Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay that amount to Rev. G. I. Humphreys for the committee of West Baltimore Church.

F. T. LITTLE.  
W. R. GRAHAM.  
J. M. SHERIDAN.  
T. PLINY FISHER.

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**Resolution 9.**

Authorizing Treasurer to Borrow Money.

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of this Conference be authorized to borrow an amount of money sufficient to defray the expenses of the representatives of the coming General Conference.

G. W. HADDAWAY.  
W. F. WRIGHT.

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**Resolution 10.**

Emergency provision for Conference Entertainment.

RESOLVED, That, in case there be no satisfactory invitation for the entertainment of the Conference in its next session, prior to October 1st, 1916, the Standing District Committee be authorized to select the place and determine the method by which the conference shall be entertained; and that this committee present the expense for the same to this Conference at its next session.

G. I. HUMPHREYS.  
F. T. LITTLE.

**Resolution 11.**

Observing Founders' Day.

RESOLVED, That a committee of four of which the President of the Conference shall be the Chairman, shall be appointed to take under consideration the suggestion of the President of the General Conference with reference to a Founders' Day, May 14, 1914, and decide upon such action as they may deem advisable.

F. T. TAGG.  
E. C. MAKOSKY.

# CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

## Superannuated Fund Society.

The meeting was called to order by First Vice-President, J. L. Mills.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. On motion by G. W. Haddaway, a vote of thanks was tendered the Treasurer for his faithful services.

On motion by G. W. Haddaway it was decided that the Treasurer be allowed \$250 as compensation for his expenses during the year.

The following Officers and Board of Managers were elected:

Officers: First- Vice-President, J. L. Mills; Second Vice-President, F. T. Benson; Third Vice-President, C. M. Compher; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, J. L. Nichols; Treasurer, T. A. Murray.

Board of Managers:

Ministers: J. W. Kirk; G. W. Haddaway; J. M. Sheridan; W. B. Judefind.

Laymen: Daniel Baker; T. A. Murray; Dr. E. B. Fenby; J. B. Mills.  
There being no other business the Society adjourned.

J. L. NICHOLS, Secretary.

### Treasurer's Report for Year April 1915-1916.

Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Superannuated Fund Society.

#### Permanent Fund.

1915

April 29 To amounts received from C. P. Nowlin,  
Conference Treasurer.

10 % District Collections .....	\$ 407.10
Annual Dues .....	116.00
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	\$ 523.10

1916 Feb. 19 To amount received on account of  
Principal Conference Parsonage Loan .....

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500.00

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\$1,023.10

Cr.

1916 Mch. 6 By amt. repaid Treasurer per Order of  
Board in full of amount advanced and due as  
per last Report, with Interest thereon.....

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885.54

1916 Apr. Balance on deposit to credit Permanent  
Fund .....

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137.56      1,023.10

## Income Account.

1916 Apr. 4 To amt. from Investments to date . . . . .	\$ 6,622.35
1916 Feb. 19 To amt. rec'd a/c Interest on Parson-	
age Loan . . . . .	55.45
1916 Feb. 19 To amt. Interest on deposits . . . . .	34.21
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	6,712.01

## Cr.

1915 July 16, By Rent Safe Deposit Box . . . . .	5.00
1915 July 16, By expenses in re Hampden Lot . . . . .	12.08
1916 Feb. 29, By 1916 Taxes on Securities . . . . .	53.27
1916 Mch. 6, By Premium on Treasurer's Bond . . . . .	12.50
1916 Apr. By expenses of collections, etc. . . . .	75.00
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	\$157.85

By amounts remitted to C. P. Nowlin, Conference  
Treasurer, as follows:

1915 July 30, Check # 225 . . . . .	\$ 1400.00
1915 Oct. 18, Check # 226 . . . . .	1800.00
1916 Jan. 17, Check # 227 . . . . .	1400.00
1916 Apr. 5, Check # 232 . . . . .	1954.16
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	6554.16
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	6,712.01

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

## Statement of Conference Parsonage Loan.

1902, Oct. 1, To amt. of Loan, (to be re-paid, with Interest at 5% per Annum . . . . .	\$ 5,909.15
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## Cr.

By Payments made a/c Principal

1908 March 31st . . . . .	\$ 1,800.00
1909 April 30th . . . . .	500.00
1910 April 23rd . . . . .	500.00
1911 May 1st . . . . .	500.00
1912 May 26th . . . . .	500.00
1913 May 2nd . . . . .	500.00
1914 June 6th . . . . .	500.00
1916 Feb. 17th . . . . .	500.00
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Balance due a/c Principal . . . . .	\$ 609.15

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To Interest Oct. 1, '02 to Apr. 1, 1916 .....	\$ 3,988.57
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Cr.

By Payments made a/c Interest.

1904 March 17, Interest to Oct. 1, 1903 .....	\$ 295.45
1905 Mch. 27, Interest to Oct. 1, 1904 .....	295.45
1906, Mch. 29, Interest to Oct. 1, 1905 .....	295.45
1907 Mch. 27, Interest to Oct. 1, 1906 .....	295.45
1908 Mch. 30, Interest to Oct. 1, 1907 .....	295.45
1909 Apr. 7 a/c Interest due Oct. 1, 1908 .....	205.45
1910 Apr. 2 Interest Oct. 1, 1909 .....	180.45
1911 Apr. 4 Interest Oct. 1, 1910 .....	155.45
1912 Apr. 9 Interest Oct. 1, 1911 .....	130.45
1913 Apr. 1 Interest Oct. 1, 1912 .....	105.45
1914 June 6 Interest Oct. 1, 1913 .....	80.45
1915 Mch. 31 Interest Oct. 1, 1914 .....	55.45
1916 Feb. 17 Interest Oct. 1, 1915 .....	55.45

Total Payments a/c Interest .....	\$ 2,445.85
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Credit Interest on Payments a/c Principal from respective dates of payments above .....	1,385.24	3,831.09
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Balance due a/c Interest to Apr. 1, 1916 .....	\$ 157.48
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Balance due a/c Principal .....	\$ 609.15
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Balance due a/c Interest .....	157.48
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Total amt. due Apr. 1, 1916 .....	\$ 766.63
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The Treasurer is directed by the Board of Managers to submit with his Annual Report the foregoing Statement of the Conference Parsonage Loan, with this explanatory note.

The payment of \$500 made on February 17th, 1916, was for the Conference Year ending April 1915, and there is due at the close of the present Conference Year (April 1916) the sum of \$500, which will leave a balance due on the Principal of \$109.15 to be paid for the ensuing Conference Year ending April 1917.

The first payment of Interest was made by the late Conference Steward on March 17th, 1904, which covered one year's interest to October 1st, 1903, and the payments on account of interest made by said Steward, up to and inclusive of the payment of March 30th, 1908, covered the annual interest accrued to October 1st, 1907. Since that time the several payments on account of Interest as set out above have been for one year's

interest on the amounts of Principal as reduced by the payments made on account thereof as above, without regard to the date of said payments.

The foregoing Statement is submitted as a proper accounting, and correctly shows the amount due on said Loan on April 1st, 1916.

J. W. KIRK  
G. W. HADDAWAY.  
Auditing Committee.

#### SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the superannuated list.

2. From the receipts from the invested fund, each superannuated minister be entitled to \$10 for each year of his active service as a member of this Conference, and each widow of a minister of this Conference who is granted a superannuate relation, be entitled to \$5.00 for each year of her active service.

3. The amount received from the collections in the District during the year to be applied to the necessities of the claimants, considering. 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The size of family; 3, Peculiarities of condition; 4, Ability to contribute to self support by business capacity or by private income.

4. That when the Committee on Superannuates has information from claimants to the effect that they do not need the amount required by virtue of their years of service, that the Committee be governed by the information thus given. (For items 2, 3, 4, see report H. Superannuates, 1914 Minutes).

5. The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, and shall make a quarterly distribution of the funds provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

6. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the committee.

7. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish Superannuated Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimants of any portion in the distribution of the emergency fund for the year.

1. What is your present place of residence? Post office address?
2. Do you desire a superannuate relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Age of your children, respectively?
4. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
5. Do your children attend Sabbath School? If not, why not?
6. What is the amount of your private income?

### Church Extension Society

The Church Extension Society convened on Monday at 11 A. M. with the President, J. L. Mills, in the chair.

Treasurer's report adopted.

Report of the Board of Managers was read and recommendations of the report were referred to the committee on Church Extension.

Request of Church Extension Society of Washington, D. C. for funds to reimburse W. A. Melvin for funds advanced to Park Road and after much discussion was referred to the committee on Church Extension.

Superintendent of Church Extension, J. M. Holmes, made a brief report.

The election resulted in the following being elected: President, J. L. Mills; First Vice-President, E. C. Makosky; Second Vice-President, G. A. Morris; Secretary, C. R. Strausburg; Treasurer, Walter W. Smith.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for the following Board of Managers.

Ministers: J. M. Sheridan, J. S. Bowers, S. F. Cassen, G. I. Humphreys.

Laymen: W. W. Smith, T. A. Myers, J. Bibb Mills, J. H. Roberts,  
Adjournment.

C. R. STRAUSBURG, Secretary.

### Report of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Conference Church Extension Society.

We respectfully submit the following report:

The Board has held monthly meetings during the year, while special meetings have been called as often as the needs of the work have required.

Immediately after the last Conference the Board inaugurated measures for the work of church extension superintendent and has done all possible to make the administration of Rev. J. M. Holmes a success. We have found Dr. Holmes ready, at all times, to do everything within his power to advance the cause of Church Extension. During the illness of the President of the Conference the Board offered the President the services of Dr. Holmes for his visitation to the churches. While this lessened the income of the Board for the year, we are sure this will meet the approval of the Conference.

We recommend that the Conference continue the office of Church Extension Superintendent for another year and that Rev. J. M. Holmes be appointed by this Conference to the office under the same regulations as last year.

We have paid the interest on the \$3500 note in the Kent County Savings Bank and are holding \$500 the balance in hand from the sale of Fairview Heights Church, to reduce the said note when the said interest is due in June.

Our energies have been large given to meet the demands of Park Road Church, Washington. When the Conference, three years ago directed this Board to borrow \$3800 with which to pay the balance due on the ground on which Park Road Church is built, and the deed transferred to this Board, we are satisfied that Conference did not expect the Board to be embarrassed with the debt of this property. It was reasonable to suppose that the church would be able to care for its own debt. This it has only partly done, so that to protect the property we have been compelled to pay \$405.88 this year, interest on mortgage and note in the Washington Bank. This has prevented the Board undertaking any new work.

We respectfully ask the Conference to state if it is your wish that we continue to aid this church in the payment of its interest and reduction of its note.

If it is your wish that this help shall be continued, then we ask for an appropriation of \$600 for this purpose.

In the beginning of the work at Park Road Church Rev. W. A. Melvin, at his own expense, purchased a portable church for the use of this congregation with the understanding that he should be reimbursed. There is a balance of \$337 still due Brother Melvin on this transaction, and no effort is being made to meet this obligation. We do not think this just to this brother. We therefore recommend that this Conference acknowledge this claim and direct this Board to pay this claim to brother Melvin as the Treasurer may have the money in hand.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHERIDAN, President.

#### Treasurer's Report.

##### Receipts.

1915

Mar. 31, Balance .....	\$ 70.69
Apr. 7, Conference Appropriation acct. Kent Co.	
Savings Bank Note .....	300.00
Apr. 13, Church Extension Committee from sale of	
Bethel Church on Campbell Circuit .....	50.00
Apr. 13, Sale of Furniture Quantico Church .....	19.00
Apr. 14, Conference Appropriation for Taylor Me-	
morial Church .....	750.00
Apr. 19, F. A. Holland, Loan .....	200.00
May 3, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Collection, Belair ....	11.66
May 12, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Collection, Lawsonia ..	10.00
May 17, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Christ Ch. Balto..	10.00
May 25, F. A. Holland, Loan .....	200.00

May 27, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. St. James .....	71.55
May 27, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col., Chestertown ...	65.92
June 5, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col., St. Paul, Balto...	11.42
June 26, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col., Lawsonia ....	15.00
July 3, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Lawsonia .....	25.00
July 3, Interest on Deposit to June 30 .....	2.26
July 8, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Lawsonia .....	10.00
July 12, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Buckeystown ...	63.30
July 8, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Frederick Cir. ....	13.75
July 19, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Kemptown .....	25.77
July 23, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Buckeystown ...	11.50
Aug. 20, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Bivalve .....	13.65
Aug. 20, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Uniontown ....	18.00
Aug. 20, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Shiloh .....	14.27
Aug. 23, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. New Market ...	16.50
Aug. 30, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Shiloh .....	5.00
Aug. 23, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Howard Cir. ...	27.50
Sept. 6, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Finksburg .....	31.55
Sept. 16, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Quantico Cir. ...	15.30
Sept. 22, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. New Market ....	1.50
Oct. 4, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Wash., D. C. ....	40.00
Oct. 12, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Wash., D. C. ....	22.00
Oct. 18, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Wash., D. C. ...	189.00
Oct. 19, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Salisbury .....	26.05
Oct. 19, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Union Cir. ....	9.50
Oct. 27, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Sharptown ....	30.95
Oct. 27, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Seaford .....	25.00
Nov. 3, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Pocomoke City...	29.50
Nov. 3, J. M. Holmes, Sup. Col. Salem .....	7.25
Nov. 3, Mrs. S. C. Bowers, Loan .....	200.00
Nov. , J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Towson .....	20.75
Nov. 18, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Centerville ...	12.00
Nov. 24, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Newark, N. J. ...	37.32
Dec. 1, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Trinity Charge ..	37.65
Dec. 1, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Crisfield .....	17.76
Dec. 2, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Sharptown .....	4.50
Dec. 8, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Cambridge .....	10.00
Dec. 14, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Pittsville .....	50.00
Dec. 14, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Whaleyville ...	12.25
Dec. 18, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Newark, N. J. ...	16.50
Dec. 21, Sale of Fairview Heights Church .....	568.25
Dec. 21, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Snow Hill .....	28.26
Dec. 29, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Harrington ....	18.00
Dec. 31, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Snow Hill .....	8.50
Dec. 31, Interest on Deposit to Dec. 31 .....	2.61

1916

Jan. 6, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Franklin City .....	32.95
Jan. 7, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Newark, N. J. ....	17.00
Jan. 15, J. M. Holmes, Sup. Col. Powellville .....	9.70
Jan. 24, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Centerville .....	41.00
Jan. 24, G. M. Clayton, Park Road Church .....	75.00
Jan. 25, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Leeds .....	8.50
Jan. 25, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Cecil Circuit ...	10.00
Jan. 26, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Franklin City ...	2.05
Dec. 26, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Reliance .....	9.10
Feb. 12, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Newark, N. J. ...	12.00
Mar. 3, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Newark, N. J. ....	14.50
Mar. 22, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col. Newark, N. J. ...	2.68
Mar. 30, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Col Powellville .....	1.50
	<b>\$3739.67</b>

## Disbursements.

1915

April 10, Nat. Bank of Balto., on Note .....	\$ 25.00
April 10, Nat. Bank of Balto., Interest on Note...	4.00
April 13, C. P. Nowlin Conf. Treas. overpaid on Conference Appropriation .....	50.00
April 15, Nat. Bank of Baltimore Int. on Note....	.3.55
April 15, First Nat. Bank New Freedom, Pa.....	1000.00
April 15, First Nat. Bank New Freedom, Pa Int....	40.00
April 22, J. M. Holmes, Supt. on salary .....	125.00
May 3, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses .....	7.18
May 31, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses .....	2.98
May 31, Kent County Sav. Bank on Note .....	100.00
May 31, Kent County Sav. Bank Int. on Note ....	102.00
May 31, Kent County Sav. Bank Revenue stamps.	.68
July 1, J. M. Holmes, Supt. on salary .....	125.00
July 12, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses .....	4.85
Juyl 12, Telephone charge to Mt. Airy .....	.15
July 16, T. A. Murray acct. Cox Lot, Hampden ..	12.08
July 19, Nat. Bank of Balto., Note .....	175.00
July 19, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses .....	6.72
Aug. 20, J. M. Holmes, Supt expenses .....	9.40
Aug. 23, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses .....	3.74
Aug. 30, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses Windy Hill	5.00
Aug. 30, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses Howard Ct.	6.00
Sept. 6, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expense Finksburg..	3.64
Sept. 6, Telephone charges .....	1.50
July 24, G. M. Clayton for Park Road Church, Note Washington, D. C. ....	120.00
Sep. 16, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expense Quantico Ct..	1.80

Sep. 17 Expenses Committee to Wilmington, Del...	3.19
Sep. 20, Expenses Committee to Wilmington, Del.	2.34
Oct. 4, J. M. Holmes Supt. expenses Wash, D. C..	10.00
Oct. 12 J. M. Holmes Supt. expenses Wash. D. C..	4.87
Oct. 18 G. M. Clayton, interest on Note, Park Road Church, Wash., D. C. ....	118.38
Oct. 19 J. M. Holmes Supt. expenses, Salisbury....	2.55
Oct. 19 J. M. Holmes, Supt. on salary .....	125.00
Oct. 27 J. M. Holmes expenses Sharptown .....	3.30
Nov. 3 J. M. Holmes, Supt. expense Pocomoke City	2.25
Nov. 4 Germania Fire Insurance Co. on Bethany Church, Baltimore. ....	32.00
Nov. 8 Park Road Church, Interest on mortgage..	330.00
Nov. 8, J. M. Holmes, expenses Towson .....	2.50
Nov. 18, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses Centerville	2.00
Nov. 24, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses Newark, N.J.	2.55
Nov 29, Postage and Revenue stamps .....	1.90
Dec. 1, Kent County Sav. Bank. Int. on Note .....	102.00
Dec. 14, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses Pittsville..	1.55
Dec. 21, J. M. Holmes, Supt. expenses Snow Hill ..	1.76
Jan. 3, Telephone charges .....	1.50
Jan. 3, J. M. Holmes, Supt. on salary .....	125.00
Jan. 3, C. M. Compher .....	68.00
Jan. 6, J. M. Holmes Supt. Ex. Franklin City.....	2.27
Jan. 15, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Ex. Powellville .....	2.04
Jan. 24, Park Road Church, Int. on Note .....	116.88
Jan. 25, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Ex. Leeds .....	3.10
Jan. 26, J. M. Holmes, Supt. Ex. Reliance .....	.50
Feb. 8, C. P. Nowlin, Conf. Treasurer .....	2.85
Mar. 6, Park Road Church, Int. on Mortg. .....	165.00
Mar. 30, Telephone charges .....	1.00 \$3171.55
March 31, 1916 balance .....	\$568.12

WALTER W. SMITH, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

4/11/19

L. F. WARNER.

W. E. SHEPPARD.

Auditing Committee.

**CHURCH EXTENSION REGULATIONS.**

1. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collection in the hands of the Conference Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.

2. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount

of funds may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.

3. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is continued. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members" at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

4. When any number of the members of any of our Missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to the Discipline for trial of members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper, and should the accused be found guilty he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; provided, however, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the next session ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

5. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

6. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline for the trial of members.

7. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

8. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

9. Until a class is formed in a mission the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

10. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem conducive to the welfare of the mission.

11. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must

be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

12. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

13. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

14. The Society shall pay the traveling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

15. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.

16. Hereafter, no money shall be appropriated to any charge where the Board of Trustees refuses to be incorporated.

17. The Church Extension Committee of the Conference is hereby made a permanent or continuous committee, its members serving until their successors are appointed. The President of the Conference is hereby requested in naming the members of this committee from time to time, to retain a sufficient number of those familiar with its work to secure best results in the appropriation of the funds of the society.

In addition to the duties heretofore performed by the committee, it shall be the duty of the chairman and secretary thereof, as soon as practicable after the adjournment of each annual session of the Conference, to prepare and have printed lists of questions with blank spaces for answers, similar to those heretofore used by the Board of Managers, and shall mail a copy to the pastor of each charge seeking aid not later than the first week in October and March of each Conference year. The blanks may also contain such explanations as may be deemed necessary to enable charges to properly fill in the answers to the questions, with the request that the said blanks be promptly filled out and returned.

The chairman and secretary shall arrange these blanks in proper order, bring them to Conference and lay them before the Committee. The committee, in making appropriations to the respective charges seeking aid, shall be guided by the information contained in the blanks; and the charges are hereby notified in accordance with the above prescribed duties of the committee.

The secretary of the Conference hereby is instructed to pay, out of the Conference funds, the expense of printing, postage, etc., incurred by the committee in the discharge of the duties here referred to.

When appropriations are made conditionally and the conditions are not complied with, it shall be the duty of the committee to so notify the Conference Treasurer, who shall withhold payment of the money until such payment is authorized by the committee.

The action of the Committee of 1907 is hereby reaffirmed as follows, "The Committee on Church Extension shall not report upon any case referred to it by the Conference, except such cases recommended by the President to accommodate the plan of appointments."

## The Mutual Relief Association.

Baltimore, Md., April 10, 1916.

The Mutual Relief Association convened Monday morning with Geo. A. Ogg, First Vice-President in the Chair, and J. A. Weigand, Secretary. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer was read and referred to an auditing committee consisting of G. J. Hill and C. E. Dryden. The following officers were elected: the Secretary casting the ballot of the Association for each: G. A. Ogg, First Vice-President, J. F. Bryan, Second Vice-President, C. E. Dryden Third Vice-President and J. A. Weigand Secretary-Treasurer. The Auditing Committee reported that it had examined the report of the Secretary-Treasurer and found it correct. The Report of the committee was adopted. Upon motion of J. F. Bryan it was decided to amend the application blank of the Society by inserting that the applicant must state that he or she is in good health and produce the certificate of his family physician thereto and that the applicant must be under sixty years of age.

It was moved that the Secretary of the Conference be requested to publish the minutes of this Society and a list of its membership in the Conference minutes. Carried. Upon motion the society adjourned.

J. A. WEIGAND, Secretary.

### Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

For the year ending April 5, 1916.

Amount in hand from the 47th Advance Case .....	\$162.00
Expense of collecting the 48th Advance Case .....	4.00
Paid Mrs. G. R. McCready .....	158.00
Deceased during the year, G. R. McCready .....	1
Lapsed during year .....	4
Present membership .....	164

Amount collected in 48th Advance Case deposited in States National Bank, Newark, N. J.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, Sec-Treas.

Examined and found correct.

G. J. HILL  
C. E. DRYDEN.  
Committee.

**Members of Mutual Relief Association.**

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Adams, Ziba	Gill, Rev. J. M.
Adams, J. Peyton	Graham, Rev. W. R.
Bacchus, Rev. G. Q.	Gray, Rev. J. W.
Bennett, Rev. L. A.	Greenfield, Rev. D. L.
Bennett, Mrs. L. A.	Greenfield, Mrs. D. L.
Benson, Rev. F. T.	Green, Rev. A. H.
Benson, Mrs. F. T.	Green, Mrs. A. H.
Bowers, Rev. J. S.	Haldeman, Rev. A.
Bowers, Mrs. J. S.	Holland, F. A.
Brown, Rev. J. M.	Hanks, Rev. W. S.
Brown, Mrs. J. M.	Hanks, Mrs. W. S.
Balderston, J. W.	Harryman, Rev. A. A.
Bauscher, Rev. W. F.	Harryman, Mrs. A. A.
Bryan, Rev. J. F.	Hill, Rev. G. J.
Bryan, Mrs. J. F.	Hines, Rev. G.
Cassen, Rev. S. F.	Hines, Mrs. G.
Cassen, Mrs. S. F.	Hoblitzell, Mrs. S. A.
Coe, Rev. S. W.	Hodge, Rev. G. A.
Coe, Mrs. S. W.	Hodge, Mrs. G. A.
Crouse, Rev. T. O.	Holmes, Rev. J. M.
Crouse, Mrs. T. O.	Hungerford, Rev. M. E.
Clough, Rev. N. C.	Hungerford, Mrs. M. E.
Clough, Mrs. N. C.	Johnson, Rev. W. W.
Charlton, Mrs. M. F.	Johnson, Mrs. W. W.
Cullum, Rev. C. M.	Johnson, Rev. H. W. D.
Cullum, Mrs. C. M.	Johnson, Mrs. H. W. D.
Cushing, Mrs. H. C.	Jones, E. H.
Day, Rev. C. C.	Jones, Rev. T. C.
Donovan, Rev. A.	Judefind, Rev. W. B.
Dryden, Rev. C. E.	Judefind, Mrs. W. B.
Dryden, Mrs. C. E.	Jump, Rev. Wm. P.
Dudley, Rev. J. A.	Keen, H. O.
Dupuy, Rev. A. B.	Kindley, Rev. B. W.
Elderdice, Rev. J. L.	Kindley, Mrs. B. W.
Elderdice, Mrs. J. L.	Kirkley, E. T.
Elderdice, Rev. H. L.	Kirk, Rev. J. W.
Ewell, Rev. A. W.	Kirk, Mrs. J. W.
Ewell, Mrs. A. W.	Klein, Rev. F. C.
Ewing, Rev. E. O.	Klein, Mrs. F. C.
Ewing, Mrs. E. O.	Lewis, Rev. T. H.
Farring, Rev. G. F.	Lewis, Mrs. T. H.
Floyd, Mrs. W. J.	Lewis, Rev. R. K.

Link, Rev. J. N.  
Litsinger, Mrs. J. E.  
Litsinger, Rev. W. H.  
Litsinger, Mrs. W. H.  
Litsinger, Rev. W. D.  
Litsinger, Mrs. W. D.  
Little, Rev. F. T.  
Little, Mrs. F. T.  
Lucas, Mrs. W. J. D.  
Makosky, Rev. E. C.  
Makosky, Mrs. E. C.  
Massey, Rev. J. E.  
Massey, Mrs. J. E.  
Mather, Rev. A. W.  
Mather, Mrs. A. W.  
Miller, Rev. V. A.  
McCaslin, Rev. C. K.  
McCaslin, Mrs. C. K.  
McCready, Mrs. G. R.  
Melvin, Rev. W. A.  
Melvin, Mrs. W. A.  
Mills, Rev. J. L.  
Mumford, Mrs. W. C.  
Mumford, W. C.  
Neepier, Mrs. W. J.  
Nicholson, Rev. R. Y.  
Norris, Rev. J. W.  
Nowlin, Rev. C. P.  
Nowlin, Mrs. C. P.  
Ogg, Rev. G. A.  
Ogg, Mrs. G. A.  
Owens, Rev. I. S.  
Parris, J. W.  
Phillips, Mrs. W. S.  
Randall, Rev. L.  
Randall, Mrs. L.  
Read, Rev. E. T.  
Read, Mrs. E. T.  
Rice, Rev. P. L.  
Rice, Mrs. P. L.  
Robinson, Geo. A.  
Rowe, Mrs. R. S.  
Reynolds, Rev. F. D.  
Roberts, Rev. W. P.  
Roberts, Mrs. W. P.  
Shipley, Rev. R. L.  
Schlincke, Rev. H. L.  
Schlinchke, Mrs. H. L.  
Simms, Rev. E. W.  
Simms, Mrs. E. W.  
Sheridan, Rev. J. M.  
Smith, Mrs. G. J.  
Smith, Rev. L. B.  
Smith, Mrs. L. B.  
Snyder, Rev. W. M.  
Stevens, Rev. F. L.  
Stevens, Mrs. F. L.  
Stocksdale, Rev. G. H.  
Stockdale, Mrs. G. H.  
Stone, Rev. E. D.  
Stone, Mrs. E. D.  
Straughn, Rev. J. H.  
Straughn, Mrs. J. H.  
Straughn, Rev. J. L.  
Strayer, Rev. W. M.  
Strausburg, Rev. C. R.  
Taylor, Rev. Ronalds.  
Tredway, Rev. S. B.  
Tredway, Mrs. S. B.  
Trout, Rev. J. W.  
Trout, Mrs. J. W.  
Van Dyke, Rev. E. H.  
Van Dyke, Mrs. E. H.  
Walter, Mrs. I. S.  
Ward, Rev. A. N.  
Ward, Mrs. A. N.  
Weigand, Rev. J. A.  
Weigand, Mrs. J. A.  
Williamson, Mrs. R. S.  
Wooden, Rev. J. F.  
Wooden, Mrs. J. F.  
Wright, Rev. J. A.  
Wright, Mrs. J. A.  
Wright, Rev. J. R.  
Wright, Mrs. J. R.  
Wright, Rev. T. H.  
Wright, Rev. W. F.  
Yingling, Mrs. J. M.

### The Electoral College.

Baltimore, Md., April 7, 1916.

The Electoral College was called to order at two o'clock by the Conference President, and was organized by the election of F. T. Little, chairman and J. H. Straughn, Secy. The ballot printed by the Secretary of the Conference was accepted as the official ballot of the College. J. A. Dudley for the committee on Statistics, reported at least 31,625 members at present enrolled among the charges of the district. The chairman announced that this entitled the Maryland Conference to thirty-two representatives to the General Conference, sixteen ministerial and sixteen lay. A. N. Ward and N. C. Clough were appointed tellers. The chairman appointed as judges F. T. Tagg, L. F. Warner, and R. L. Shipley, ministers; and J. H. Elliott, H. K. Muller, F. G. Usilton, laymen. W. M. Strayer moved that the roll be called for the ballots. Carried. Upon motion it was decided the total number of votes cast in first ballot should determine the membership of the Electoral College in case a question of quorum should arise. The ballots were then distributed, the vote taken and the judges excused that they might tabulate the same. Upon motion of W. H. Litsinger, the judges were instructed to report tonight at eight o'clock, if ready, and that the next ballot be taken tomorrow morning. Motion seconded, put and adopted 78 to 51. The Electoral College then recessed until eight o'clock.

The Electoral College convened at ten o'clock Saturday morning. The judges reported a total ministerial vote of 104, necessary for a choice 53 and a total lay vote 65, necessary for the choice 33. The following were elected representatives:

	Ministers	Ministerial	Lay
J. S. Bowers	.....	84	59
H. L. Elderdice	.....	90	45
T. H. Lewis	.....	86	46
F. T. Little	.....	79	52
J. H. Straughn	.....	76	47
F. T. Tagg	.....	75	47
G. W. Haddaway	.....	72	41
F. T. Benson	.....	66	36
L. F. Warner	.....	65	35
J. M. Gill	.....	56	40
J. W. Kirk	.....	57	34
<b>Laymen</b>			
Daniel Baker	.....	64	45
T. P. Fisher	.....	61	45
J. T. Norris	.....	57	39
H. K. Muller	.....	57	41
J. N. Warfield, Jr	.....	53	41
W. W. Smith	.....	54	37

**Second Ballot.** Another ballot was ordered, the roll was called, and ballots deposited. The judges retired at ten-fifty-five and the college recessed. At one o'clock the judges submitted their report of the second ballot. Ministerial votes 101, choice 51; lay votes 48, choice 25. No minister was elected. The following laymen were elected, J. H. Roberts, 80-40; W. E. Sheppard, 73-29; Dr. J. B. Jones, 67-27. The Electoral College recessed until Monday morning at ten-thirty o'clock.

**Third Ballot.** The Electoral College met again at 10.30 Monday morning when the judges read in full the result of the second ballot and a third ballot was taken, the roll being called, ballots collected and the judges excused. Electoral College recessed.

At 12.35 the Electoral College reassembled to listen to the report of the judges on the third ballot. There was no election of ministers. The ballot resulted as follows: Ministerial votes 99, choice 50; lay votes 42, choice 22. One layman, J. H. Elliott, by a ministerial vote of 66 and a lay vote of 27 was declared elected. The Electoral College then recessed until two-thirty.

**Fourth Ballot.** At 2.30 o'clock the Electoral College convened and took its fourth ballot and the judges retired. Monday at 3.45 Electoral College reassembled and the judges reported, Ministerial vote 79, choice 40; lay vote 46, choice 24. No minister was elected but the following laymen were elected, T. A. Murray 51-29; and F. G. Usilton 42-24. Motion was made to recess and declared lost; the decision was doubted, a division was called and resulted in a tie vote, the Chair voting then in the negative the motion was lost and the fifth ballot was ordered. After the vote was taken the judges retired and the Electoral College recessed until they were ready to report.

**Fifth Ballot.** At 9.35 the judges reported the result of the fifth ballot as follows: Ministerial vote total 48, choice 43; lay vote total 34, choice 18; no minister elected. The following laymen elected, F. M. Wilson 52-19 and J. B. Mills 49-22. Another ballot being ordered the roll was called, ballots deposited and the judges excused to tabulate the result.

**Sixth Ballot.** At 9.55 the judges reported the results of the sixth ballot. Ministerial vote 85, choice 43; lay vote 38, choice 20; no layman elected, the following ministers elected: T. O. Crouse 48-23, F. C. Klein 48-22; another ballot was then taken in the usual manner and the judges excused and the Electoral College recessed until Tuesday morning.

**Seventh Ballot.** At 10.15 Tuesday morning the Electoral College convened with F. T. Little, Chairman presiding. The judges asked the ruling as to quorum on the last ballot. Upon an affirmative rule being given, they retired until 11.35 when they submitted the report upon the seventh

ballot. Ministerial vote 79, choice 40; lay vote 32, choice 17; no minister elected, the following laymen elected, M. A. Davis, 57-19; J. P. Dodge, 43-21. Another ballot was taken in the usual manner and the judges retired.

**Eighth Ballot.** At 2.10 the judges made the following report upon the eighth ballot. Ministerial vote 85, choice 43; lay vote 39, choice 20; the following ministers were elected: A. N. Ward 54-27, and J. M. Sheridan 43-27. Another ballot, the ninth, was taken in the usual manner with one minister to be elected.

**Ninth Ballot.** The judges next reported at 2.40 and gave the result of the ninth ballot. Ministerial vote 75, choice 38; lay vote 22, choice 12. No election. Another ballot was taken in the usual manner.

**Tenth Ballot.** The judges reported at three o'clock the following as the result of the tenth ballot. Ministerial vote 79, choice 40; lay vote 26, choice 14. No election. Another ballot was taken in the usual manner.

**Eleventh Ballot.** The eleventh ballot reported at 3.20 resulted in a ministerial vote of 79, choice 40; lay vote 24, choice 13 and no election. Another ballot was then taken in the usual manner.

**Twelfth Ballot.** The twelfth ballot reported at 4.05 by the judges resulted in a ministerial vote of 80, choice 41; lay vote 28, choice 15, and no election.

A. N. Ward presented the following: Resolved, That in the event of the inability of any who have been elected as representatives to the General Conference to attend the Conference, that they shall notify the Chairman of the Electoral College, F. T. Little, as soon as possible, and that the Chairman of the Electoral College shall notify the alternates who have been elected in the order of their election. Adopted. The Electoral College proceeded to take its thirteenth ballot and recessed to meet at the convenience of the judges during the night session of the Conference.

**Thirteenth Ballot.** The Electoral College met in its final session at 8 P. M. The Judges reported the result of the thirteenth ballot as follows: Ministerial vote 78, choice 40; lay vote 30, choice 16. E. D. Stone elected by a vote of 44-24.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Secretary cast the ballot for our alternates, selecting the five ministers and the five laymen receiving next highest votes to those elected representatives. Carried. The Secretary then cast the ballot for W. R. Graham, L. B. Smith, W. A. Melvin, J. M. Holmes, and E. C. Makosky, Ministers, and A. R. Lewis, W. I. Simpson, T. E. Harrison, E. B. Fenby, and J. H. Baker, laymen.

The completed list of representatives to the General Conference meeting at Zanesville, Ohio, May 19, 1916, is as follows:

## Ministers

John S. Bowers  
 H. L. Elderdice  
 T. H. Lewis  
 F. T. Little  
 J. H. Straughn  
 F. T. Tagg  
 G. W. Haddaway  
 F. T. Benson  
 L. F. Warner  
 J. M. Gill  
 J. W. Kirk  
 T. O. Crouse  
 F. C. Klein  
 A. N. Ward  
 J. M. Sheridan  
 E. D. Stone

## Alternates.

W. R. Graham  
 L. B. Smith  
 W. A. Melvin  
 J. M. Holmes  
 E. C. Makosky

## Laymen.

Daniel Baker  
 T. P. Fisher  
 J. T. Norris  
 H. K. Muller  
 J. N. Warfield, Jr.  
 Walter W. Smith  
 J. H. Roberts  
 W. E. Sheppard  
 Dr. J. B. Jones  
 John H. Elliott  
 T. A. Murray  
 F. G. Usilton  
 F. M. Wilson  
 J. Bibb Mills  
 M. A. Davis  
 J. P. Dodge

## Alternates.

A. R. Lewis  
 W. I. Simpson  
 T. E. Harrison  
 Dr. E. B. Fenby  
 John H. Baker

After the minutes were read and approved on motion of T. O. Crouse  
 the Electoral College adjourned at 8.20.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

J. H. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

# THE MEMORIAL ROLL.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day."—2 Tim., iv. 7, 8.

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
Charles Rigby . . . . .	1782	1829	1830
Joseph Scull . . . . .	1785	1829	1830
Washington Hamilton Hays . . . . .	. . . . .	1830	1831
William Bamber . . . . .		1831	1832
Charles Wesley Jacobs . . . . .	1812	1829	1833
John James Hanson . . . . .		1829	1834
William Kesley . . . . .		1830	1841
Isaac Webster Clippinger . . . . .		1842	1842
Samuel L. Rawleigh . . . . .		1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D. . . . .		1833	1844
William W. Maddux . . . . .		1838	1844
William W. Ball . . . . .		1842	1844
William H. Boardley . . . . .		1843	1846
Samuel D. Norwood . . . . .	1820	1844	1847
Isaac Webster . . . . .	1787	1829	1851
Levi Rogers Reese . . . . .	1806	1832	1851
Frederick Stier . . . . .	1783	1830	1851
Richard Adkinson . . . . .	1817	1841	1851
Levin A. Collins . . . . .	1814	1837	1853
John Smith Reese, M. D. . . . .	1790	1829	1855
Francis George Wright . . . . .	1823	1849	1859
Nevelle Steele Greenaway . . . . .	1824	1852	1861
William Turbert Wright . . . . .	1808	1845	1862
Washington Roby . . . . .	1816	1839	1862
Thoroughgood C. Ewell . . . . .	1832	1856	1862
Josiah Varden . . . . .	1806	1831	1863
George D. Hamilton . . . . .	1798	1831	1864
Reuben Tyler Boyd . . . . .	1794	1833	1865
Thomas Hart Benton Austin . . . . .	1842	1863	1865
James Francis Whiteside . . . . .	1828	1850	1866
Eli Henkle . . . . .	1787	1829	1867
Francis Waters, D. D. . . . .	1792	1838	1867
Thomas H. Burgess . . . . .	1828	1861	1868
Thomas Mahlon Wilson . . . . .	1814	1842	1870
Luther J. Cox . . . . .	1791	1869	1870
Christian Eversole . . . . .	1820	1852	1870
Daniel Bowers . . . . .	1832	1854	1871
John Morgan . . . . .	1811	1844	1871
Henry C. Hayghe . . . . .	1844	1869	1871
John Elderdice . . . . .	1814	1838	1874
John Robers . . . . .	1818	1843	1875
Amon Richards . . . . .	1787	1870	1876
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D. . . . .	1813	1839	1877
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D. . . . .	1810	1830	1877
Samuel Guest Valiant . . . . .	1852	1870	1877
William C. Ames, D. D. S. . . . .	1839	1869	1878
John Edgar Read . . . . .	1846	1865	1878
Thomas M. Bryan . . . . .	1818	1846	1879
William Corrie Lipscomb . . . . .	1792	1869	1879
Thomas Asbury Moore . . . . .	1824	1845	1881
David Norwood Gilbert . . . . .	1851	1873	1881
Isaac Tunnel Adkins . . . . .	1808	1865	1881
Thomas Lee . . . . .	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson . . . . .	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick . . . . .	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell . . . . .	1832	1859	1884
James Martin Elderdice . . . . .	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray . . . . .	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon . . . . .	1845	1866	1885
Joseph Alexander McFaden . . . . .	1825	1847	1885
Alfred Baker . . . . .	1813	1841	1885

NAME	BORN	Entered Conference	DIED
Christopher Burns Middleton . . . . .	1854	1876	1886
William Thomas Dumm . . . . .	1817	1843	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D. . . . .	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D. . . . .	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston . . . . .	1836	1861	1888
Charles McFeely Thompson . . . . .	1843	1868	1889
Robert Thomas Smith . . . . .	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D. . . . .	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson . . . . .	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson . . . . .	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman . . . . .	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood . . . . .	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Valiant . . . . .	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D. . . . .	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L. . . . .	1817	1872	1895
James Kane Nichols, D. D. . . . .	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D. . . . .	1815	1843	1895
John William Charlton . . . . .	1832	1860	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn . . . . .	1853	1880	1896
Riley Seth Williamson . . . . .	1863	1887	1896
John Robert Nichols . . . . .	1815	1838	1886
James Thomas Ward, D. D. . . . .	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris . . . . .	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D. . . . .	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist . . . . .	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis . . . . .	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter . . . . .	1847	1874	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D. . . . .	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith . . . . .	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day . . . . .	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes . . . . .	1822	1855	1900
Laurence Webster Bates, D. D. . . . .	1819	1840	1901
W. J. Floyd . . . . .	1831	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve . . . . .	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D. . . . .	1834	1859	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D. . . . .	1835	1856	1902
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D. . . . .	1830	1850	1903
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D. . . . .	1872	1899	1903
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D. . . . .	1846	1872	1904
Abraham Downs Dick . . . . .	1826	1854	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton . . . . .	1829	1852	1905
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D. . . . .	1824	1842	1905
William Sim Hammond, D. D. . . . .	1832	1851	1905
George Durbin Edmonston . . . . .	1844	1864	1905
William Augustus Crouse . . . . .	1824	1870	1905
David Wilson, M. D. . . . .	1826	1845	1906
William John Neepier . . . . .	1848	1871	1906
Silas Bruce Southerland, D. D. . . . .	1817	1841	1907
Jacob Matthias Yingling . . . . .	1847	1873	1907
John Hewlings Stockton Ewell . . . . .	1865	1889	1908
Henry Caleb Cushing, D. D. . . . .	1828	1853	1908
James Thomas Lassell, D. D. . . . .	1836	1866	1909
John Bayley Jones . . . . .	1833	1860	1909
Benjamin Parker Truitt . . . . .	1861	1887	1910
Solomon Asbury Hoblitzell . . . . .	1836	1859	1911
John David Kinzer, D. D. . . . .	1841	1863	1911
William Sherman Phillips . . . . .	1868	1889	1912
Herbert F. Wright . . . . .	1866	1896	1912
Robert Semple Rowe . . . . .	1832	1865	1912
Charles Smith Arnett . . . . .	1852	1875	1913
Samuel Joseph Smith, D. D. . . . .	1854	1877	1913
James Ernest Litsinger . . . . .	1879	1904	1913
Jacob Ezra Nicholson . . . . .	1844	1881	1913
William James Dillon Lucas . . . . .	1849	1873	1914
James Earle Maloy . . . . .	1834	1859	1914
Charles Walter Sanderson . . . . .	1879	1911	1914
George Roberts McCready . . . . .	1850	1880	1915
J. C. Poston . . . . .			1916

## OBITUARIES

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### George Roberts McCready.

Seven years ago George Roberts McCready asked to be left without appointment and the next year he took a supernumerary relation, locating at Laurel, Delaware. It was one of those cases where with an apparently stout body and rugged constitution it seemed as if years of life and service were still left to him. Heeding however the advices of physicians and the counsels of friends acquainted with his condition he retired to private life. That which made this retirement necessary reached its culmination, December 19, 1915, when it was published abroad that he was dead and the good servant had gone out to be with the Good Master.

He was sixty five years old when he went away, having been born August 23, 1850 at Shelltown, Worcester County, Maryland. His parents were Harvey J. and Mary Dixon McCready. Because his mother died when he was a baby he was taken to Baltimore relatives and stayed there until he was eight years of age. From that time until early manhood he made his home in Pocomoke City. It was here that his early and only educational advantages were had and here also that his first religious tendencies became manifest. When he was about twenty years old he went again to Baltimore and became an employee of Dufur & Co., manufacturers of wire goods. It was at this time that he made a full surrender to Christ at old St. John's Church on Liberty Street and entered into a happy experience. It continued with him the remainder of his life.

His first wife was Miss Emma Reeder of Baltimore who lived but a few years after their marriage. One son was born to them but he died in infancy. In 1886, during the session of Conference at Broadway church, he met Mary Caroline Elizabeth Wright of Kent Island, Maryland and on the twenty seventh day of July of that year they were married. This proved a very happy union; an unbroken love and devotion being their happy portion, uninterrupted until the earthly life of the husband faded away. Two children were born to them but they *lived only a few days*. She, the good wife, widowed and childless, is yet rich in memories of the tenderness and consideration of a most loving husband.

Brother McCready's determination for the ministry had some intimations in his boyhood when at school he joyed in writing his essays from Bible incidents and passages. When his full surrender came at St. John's he *at once began preaching*. His first attempt was at one of the prayer meetings of that church and as he so often said it was a glorious time. From that moment he began to address himself to christian work and to accept opportunities to preach. In 1880 he was admitted into the membership of the Conference and three years later he was ordained. His first charge was the old Faith Mission in South Baltimore and from that time until his retirement he had a most fruitful ministry. After Faith he was assigned as assistant to Finksburg. His record then follows: Deer Park,

1883-4; Union, 1885; Salisbury, 1886; Union, 1887-9; Crumpton, 1890; Finksburg, 1891-2; Brooklyn, 1893-5; Sussex, 1896-1902; Clayton, 1903-1905; Milton, 1906-1908. The next year he dropped out of active work except for a partial year given to Georgetown Circuit against his own and the advice of his physician. But the momentum of his ministry could not be stayed and for a while he enjoyed his earlier enthusiasm.

This is the historical record of a ministry which totals from the records of the Conference for twenty nine years of active work, a thousand and twenty-two conversions and over \$21,000 raised for building and improvements; aside from amounts raised on church debts. He was a builder of churches, as witness: Zion and Brandenburg churches on Deer Park; Sharptown; Brooklyn; Clayton; together with a re-built church at Milton and a new parsonage for Sussex Circuit. He was also the originator of the work at Delmar. Here is his apparent ministry and could a minister's life story become entirely apparent this record would itself be most creditable. But his life counted for much more and here in Sussex County, Delaware, where he spent the largest part of his active work and where large results followed there are thousands of people who speak lovingly of him. He began life without large advantages but he is representative of that class of preachers who with pioneer spirit do much of the original work of the church and do it successfully. Most of his time therefore was spent in the field, in actual and frequent contact with people, and not in the study. This made him an acceptable pastor and coupled with that great, outstanding trait of humanness which he possessed attracted the heart of the common people to him. His preaching was simple; direct; courageous. His message was born of his own experience of grace; he declared it and he won.

His last few years were filled with physical suffering. Nearly three years before he died he had a severe stroke of paralysis and from this he recovered fairly well. But the persistent and final stages of some disease, unrecognizable until near the end, developed and through much pain he wasted and wearied away. The writer visited him frequently and never heard a complaint. The burden of Christ and Him crucified was upon him; he rejoiced in his Savior. Never once was his faith in the unseen disturbed; it grew clearer and quieter until he fell asleep.

In addition to his widow there survive him two sisters: - Mrs. Sallie J. Tull and Mrs. Ella Tull, both of Stockton, Maryland; Joseph L. McCready of Baltimore; Roby McCready of Pocomoke City and Harvey McCready of New York. Mrs. Sallie Tull writing of him says: "He was a loving and good son, always looking out for his loved ones, especially in their old age; a most loving brother and kind in every way."

Outside his ministerial duties Brother McCready's only other interests were in the Lodge of Masons, in which body he served in many capacities; and, because of his love for the order, made request for a masonic funeral. This request was granted, the local lodge attending the church in a body and closing the interment at the cemetery with a most impressive service. The pastor of Laurel Church conducted the church service in which he was assisted by Rev. A. W. Mather, Rev. Avery Donovan, Rev. L.

F. Warner, Rev. C. M. Cullum and Rev. C. E. Dryden. All that was mortal we laid away in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Laurel, Delaware. God grant that out of his ministry there may arise some young man to help shoulder the cross of Jesus; God grant that upon us who to-day remain the Spirit of assurance may abide.

A. W. MATHER  
J. H. STRAUGHN  
C. M. CULLUM

W. H. T. WILSON  
J. H. ELLIOTT  
PETER COCKEY

#### Mrs. Isabel Rebecca Lewis Truitt.

Mrs. Isabel Rebecca Lewis Truitt was born July 10, 1872. She became the wife of Rev. Benjamin Parker Truitt July 10, 1890, leaving her home on Chincoteague to occupy the parsonage on Hurlock charge. During the twenty years of their wedded life they also served the church together at Warwick, Lisbon, Denton and First Church, Washington.

Mrs. Truitt was a true servant of God in the church of Jesus Christ. From the various charges named above come testimonials of her usefulness. One of the committee, who speak from ten years of active co-operation in the same church, says: "She was gifted as a leader in every good work; cheerful, kind, considerate and withal humble, never pushing herself forward, though she was ever ready to do what she considered her duty." Her service did not cease when she no longer had the semi-official duties of a pastor's wife to perform. Her pastor at First Church has written that during his pastorate, in which he succeeded her husband, there was no more active or interested member of the church than Mrs. Truitt. "She seemed often to think more of her church than of herself. She taught a class of 75 boys and girls in the Sunday School as long as her throat would permit her to speak louder than a wisper. For several years she held the choir together, collecting all the money to pay its expenses. She was a member of the board of stewards and a collector on the pastor's salary. The very last time I saw her alive she was asking about the church finances and its spiritual interests."

But with all her church work Mrs. Truitt was in no sense a professional worker in the church. She was a most womanly woman and a motherly mother. She had a genius for home making. In her home there was the charm of true hospitality that made the visitor feel at perfect ease. She was a rare hostess, with tact, cheer, considerateness. She knew how to make a little go far, and surrounded her family with the simple things of beauty that made home life a joy.

The first shadow came across this home in the fall of 1909, when her husband suffered from typhoid fever, from which he never fully recovered. This shadow became dull blackness in March, 1910, when he was taken to the Long Home and the mourners went about the street lamenting the passing of a good man, whose life had been a benediction to his community. With rare courage and optimism she began another home with her sister-in-law, Miss Edna Truitt, and the three children. Then one by one the chil-

dren faded and passed out, leaving her near desolate, but still with a brave heart. The dread disease that had taken the children gripped her and after a courageous but losing fight she joined her family in their heavenly home, on August 23, 1915. During her illness she was attended by Miss Truitt, who with a loyalty of more than a sister and a Christian sacrifice passing belief, nursed and cared for her until she went to the Starmont Sanatorium, near Washington Grove, where she lay at the time of her translation.

The funeral service was held at First Church, Washington. It was conducted by Rev. W. A. Melvin, assisted by Rev. Louis Randall, Rev. W. L. Hoffman, and Rev. R. L. Shipley. Her worn body was borne to the grave by the same young men who had carried her three children. She rests in the midst of the mortal remains of her family on a green slope in the Congressional Cemetery.

It is a difficult thing for one who knew Mrs. Truitt well to characterize her personality in a sentence. She was so well rounded with an indescribable charm. She possessed frankness and yet was tactful, she was joyous and yet had rare sympathy for the trouble, she was full of fun and yet capable of the most serious work, she was frail of body and yet bore heavy burdens, she loved life and was ready to die. Her beautiful face, wearing always a smile, was the mirror of a heart as pure as a lilly and as rich as fine gold.

The pastor of a neighboring church, who knew her well during the last years of her life, has summed up the marks of virtue in her character in these words: "First, she was a woman of rare faith in God. I have known few, if any, who have had so many dark clouds to cross their pathway and in the midst of them all possess such resignation to their Master and such implicit confidence that through all God would sustain by Divine Grace and direct in paths of safety and comfort. When the way seemed dark and hedged about with difficulty she did not despair but always looked to God. Faith shines best under trial and in the life of this servant of God its true beauty is revealed.

"Another element of this noble character was its cheerfulness. I often wonder how one could pass through all she passed through and still retain the brightness seen in her life. It is only to those who have learned the joy of abiding in the secret place of the Most High that grace is given to meet the world and its cares with a smile. It is a wonderful thing to be able thus to live. Such a life is like the rose by the wayside ever drinking in the dew and sunshine, but at the same time unfolding its life of beauty and fragrance to the passer-by, whose life is refreshed and who is inspired to press onward. The rose fades, but its influence abides in the lives of those whom it has blessed. She has gone from us, but having blessed others with a smile or a cheery word she will live in the memory of those who came under her helpful influence.

WM. H. WOMERSLEY,  
T. PLINY FISHER.

RICHARD L. SHIPLEY,  
W. A. MELVIN,

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## **FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES**

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## **COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL**

## AND LOCAL INTERESTS

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Ass'd Paid	Total.	Children's Day.		W. F. M. S.		Special for Missions.		Easter for Home Mis.		Anti-Saloon League.		Miscellaneous Gen'l.		Total Gen. Interests.		Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.		Current Expenses.		Sun.-School Exp'ses.		Paid on Building and Improvement.		Paid on Debt.		Miscellaneous.		Paid for Local Interests.		Total all Purposes.		Number.
		Paid	Total.																															
136	115	78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	193	450	450	75	105	50	265	....	65	1010	1203	51	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
181	92	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	114	500	500	100	115	95	60	....	33	903	1017	52	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
162	162	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	162	800	850	150	210	130	250	500	168	2258	2420	53	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
175	175	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	8	208	850	856	200	150	124	400	341	123	2194	2402	54	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
216	216	55	..	..	..	..	..	6	19	3	299	1000	1000	200	284	139	200	....	382	2205	2504	55	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
212	134	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	158	750	713	150	80	180	350	....	143	1566	1724	56	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
95	95	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	106	600	600	200	220	210	100	200	383	1913	2019	57	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
363	363	33	20	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	423	1000	1000	350	366	250	399	....	430	2795	3218	58	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
289	289	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	302	900	900	500	654	200	400	....	475	3129	3431	59	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
121	121	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	142	500	500	90	35	90	150	157	25	1047	1189	60	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
213	213	83	..	..	..	..	..	12	48	3	359	900	900	200	253	157	651	....	99	2260	2619	61	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
125	125	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	143	750	750	150	150	90	15	310	40	1505	1648	62	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
119	102	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	112	600	600	84	75	50	65	....	64	938	1050	63	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
254	254	38	..	..	..	..	..	10	51	353	900	900	125	250	275	375	....	185	2110	2463	64	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000			
577	577	49	185	353	40	19	356	1529	2000	2000	720	2793	1180	540	1800	1973	11006	12585	65	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
221	116	32	..	..	..	17	60	225	700	700	80	117	100	85	25	....	1107	1382	66	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
210	210	50	39	..	..	18	..	317	800	810	144	100	241	25	....	350	1670	1987	67	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
173	173	8	..	..	2	14	6	203	700	700	180	200	11	80	585	210	2070	227	68	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
134	82	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	101	525	525	98	102	98	....	17	835	986	69	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				
92	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	52	350	254	100	70	28	20	50	73	595	647	70	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				
208	150	..	..	..	..	35	..	185	700	700	100	175	110	800	....	27	1912	2097	71	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
143	75	10	..	..	..	6	..	91	450	475	80	60	86	275	....	976	1067	72	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000						
103	66	..	..	..	..	12	1	79	600	600	72	85	45	225	....	25	1052	1131	73	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
135	135	5	..	..	..	..	..	140	600	602	125	90	125	475	559	57	2033	2173	74	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
194	150	45	..	..	..	36	23	254	800	800	107	192	130	677	40	384	2330	2584	75	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
205	205	60	..	..	..	18	48	331	725	734	125	124	50	326	50	226	1635	1966	76	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
137	92	22	..	..	..	7	..	121	700	700	150	80	100	75	....	60	1165	1286	77	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
62	62	19	..	..	..	..	5	86	139	139	....	9	6	....	154	240	78	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000						
292	240	61	..	..	..	..	26	327	900	900	75	250	110	400	....	1735	2062	79	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
134	134	16	..	3	2	20	6	181	550	550	120	56	81	....	279	1086	1267	80	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
179	125	..	..	..	5	7	137	600	600	125	118	60	....	41	944	1081	81	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000						
286	286	64	..	6	..	14	31	401	1200	1200	300	400	225	210	1800	671	4406	4807	82	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				
230	131	..	..	..	..	3	..	134	650	660	125	150	135	....	120	18	1208	1342	83	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				
197	197	40	..	..	21	11	269	700	700	150	100	52	70	....	115	1187	1547	84	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
82	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	62	300	300	48	172	93	609	....	1213	1275	85	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
63	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	475	475	96	60	18	65	....	10	724	760	86	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				
85	32	35	..	..	..	4	10	81	140	140	..	32	61	260	50	3	546	627	87	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				
174	148	16	..	..	16	12	192	500	500	75	9	....	24	....	50	744	936	88	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
260	260	32	..	154	..	14	2	462	900	900	200	160	218	150	500	95	2228	2685	89	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				
167	167	100	70	100	..	..	158	595	900	900	300	300	100	100	100	..	367	2067	2662	90	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000			
73	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	167	167	79	4	20	60	....	330	346	91	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
195	80	5	..	..	..	..	..	85	800	760	100	70	46	161	....	1137	1222	92	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000					
129	49	..	..	..	..	1	4	54	650	650	180	100	75	25	50	100	1180	1234	93	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				
89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	94				
230	230	17	..	..	11	9	6	273	1200	1200	300	780	329	2100	100	575	5384	5657	95	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				
160	125	5	..																															

## **COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL**

## **AND LOCAL INTERESTS**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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CHARGE	Unsta. Min. and Preachers		Probationers.		Full Members.		Sunday School		Y. P. S. C. E.										
	Probationers		Elected to Membership	Discontinued.	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Adults Baptised.	Children Baptised.	Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Amount for Missions	Amt' for Con. Un. Ministry	
		Full Members.	Received.																
Crumpton .....	..	56	4	4	23	1	5	11	2	14	23	88	..	..	..	..	..		
Cumberland:																			
First Church..	24	300	..	18	4	31	1	3	17	30	1	25	50	386	1	62	1	25 10 ..	
Melvin Chapel..	4	99	2	1	19	2	5	..	2	20	30	1	19	25	139	1	50	1	28 .. ..
Mapleside & F..	11	56	11	1	..	1	3	19	..	2	22	2	19	..	155	..	1	30 .. ..	
Deer Creek.....	..	181	..	..	3	1	15	3	..	7	10	2	23	16	159	2	46 ..	..	10 ..
Deer Park.....	8	246	13	5	4	7	2	5	4	2	11	16	4	48	10	335	2	96 ..	5 ..
Delmar, Del....	..	180	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	10	..	..	1	31	..	250	1	35 1 25 ..	
Delta, Pa.....	..	314	..	..	56	2	22	3	12	2	55	1	25	22	244	1	45 1	45 ..	5 ..
Denton .....	9	168	12	3	..	3	2	..	2	..	25	10	1	15	..	250	1	52 ..	5 ..
Dorchester .....	2	272	2	2	..	10	..	..	2	1	15	15	3	35	30	245	..	.. ..	
Dover, Del.....	..	107	..	..	24	..	..	1	2	1	15	1	15	31	147	1	40 ..	.. ..	
Easton .....	2	182	12	14	..	19	4	21	4	..	7	25	1	18	14	164	2	30 1 20 ..	
Elizabeth, N. J.	13	228	29	15	..	15	..	..	3	..	2	40	1	30	65	275	1	36 1 40 ..	
Fairfax, Va.....	4	29	205	13	7	..	14	2	..	2	5	14	22	4	22	22	181	3	55 ..
Fawn Grove, Pa..	16	375	10	1	2	21	11	32	5	1	69	11	2	45	75	250	2	130 1 47 33 ..	
Federalsburg ..	1	90	..	..	..	..	1	30	1	3	2	..	1	21	35	160	1	30 .. ..	
Felton, Del.....	49	105	52	3	..	3	3	..	..	3	4	90	3	36	9	180	..	.. ..	
Finksburg.....	..	545	70	70	..	86	10	..	6	15	40	147	4	60	40	415	4	225 .. ..	
First Ch. Newark, N.J.	2	18	579	16	51	3	95	9	3	7	13	19	54	2	85	56	645	1	53 .. 377 25
Franklin, C'y, Va.	..	278	..	..	19	1	6	5	6	6	19	4	50	14	313	1	30 .. ..		
Frederick .....	..	228	..	..	29	2	73	3	7	7	29	4	53	42	571	1	25 .. 3 ..		
Georgetown, Del.	1	37	189	16	16	3	18	..	6	..	11	4	1	24	31	204	1	40 1 38 ..	
Georgetown Cir.	2	55	196	53	22	11	31	..	3	2	5	24	73	4	36	24	269	3	122 .. ..
Greensboro.....	..	43	..	..	..	..	14	1	1	18	..	1	7	10	60	..	1	25 .. ..	
Greenwood, Del..	..	295	..	..	43	4	..	1	..	8	50	3	35	15	317	1	50 .. ..		
Grove .....	1	4	95	21	17	4	17	..	9	4	..	26	4	48	46	280	1	45 1 20 ..	
Harbeson, Del..	1	53	177	30	3	2	8	..	..	2	4	47	3	40	25	245	2	55 .. ..	
Harper's F'y, W.Va.	..	125	..	27	1	33	..	5	3	10	15	32	2	20	100	250	..	.. ..	
Harrington, Del.	1	285	1	..	38	2	..	..	..	2	..	60	1	25	21	206	1	20 2 50 ..	
Howard.....	1	10	236	..	..	11	7	5	5	..	33	11	4	34	15	270	..	.. ..	
Hurlock .....	..	133	1	11	11	12	..	..	1	..	10	6	2	23	5	165	2	65 .. ..	
Indian River....	2	18	44	12	2	..	2	..	2	..	3	13	1	8	6	50	..	.. ..	
Kempton.....	1	10	481	1	9	7	7	3	2	3	..	27	10	5	65	15	465	..	.. ..
Kennedyville.....	..	129	14	14	..	22	..	2	2	..	2	19	1	15	2	75	1	16 .. ..	
Kent Island.....	..	105	..	..	..	3	1	..	2	..	7	..	2	18	..	85	..	.. ..	
Laurel, Del.....	2	354	..	..	69	8	22	1	..	14	65	1	26	15	225	1	34 1 20 .. 6		
Laurel Circuit ..	1	200	28	28	..	28	10	..	1	..	31	28	4	35	15	250	..	.. ..	
Leeds.....	1	220	8	8	..	19	5	2	6	6	18	24	3	26	24	160	2	68 .. 5 ..	
Leipsic, Del.....	1	179	..	..	3	1	2	2	1	..	7	1	12	3	165	1	35 .. ..		
Lewes, Del.....	1	71	1	9	8	10	10	14	1	3	..	1	4	8	60	1	25 .. ..		
Lewistown .....	..	142	..	..	6	1	..	2	..	10	9	2	22	..	120	2	100 2 37 ..		
Liberty .....	5	212	29	24	..	24	..	..	2	3	5	32	2	29	25	185	1	35 1 50 ..	
Lisbon .....	34	424	56	22	..	27	1	28	13	5	15	65	4	66	10	500	2	45 .. ..	
Lynchburg, Va.	..	177	..	..	13	1	..	4	..	1	6	1	9	16	146	1	46 .. ..		
Mardela.....	31	277	26	14	..	13	3	..	3	..	2	10	4	53	214	397	1	36 .. ..	
Marley.....	1	2	180	2	2	..	7	..	1	..	14	6	3	24	36	220	1	50 1 51 ..	
Middleway, W. Va.	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.. ..	
Milford, Del.....	2	90	356	56	35	40	53	4	52	4	4	14	96	1	30	75	425	1	80 1 100 5 ..
Milton, Del.....	1	225	..	..	19	4	25	3	..	15	12	1	19	40	200	1	45 .. 4 ..		
Mt. Nebo.....	..	359	..	..	11	1	..	5	1	14	40	3	38	25	325	3	68 .. ..		

## MEMBERSHIP

CHARGE	Unst. Min. and Preachers		Probationers.		Full Members		Sunday School.		Y. P. S. C. E.		Am't for Con. Un. Mis'ry		
	Probationers.		Elected to Membership		Full Members		School.		Societies.				
	Full Members.	Received.	Discontinued.	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Adults Baptised.	Children Baptised.	Scholars on Roll.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.
New Church, Va	257	15	15	15	15	1	2	1	8	25	342	12290	146
Newmarket	265	4	2	7	4	4	4	4	10	5	467	35426	4198
Nichols Memo'	63	4		15					2	7	420	30189	
Northumb'l'd Va.	463	40		1	1	5			19	220	120235	162	
Oak Grove	129		6	6		2			3	112	51		
Oxford	10	163		6	9	1	8	3	14	41	122	12220	
Parksley, Va	366			37	2	17	12	8	10	48	249	20410	1110
Patapsco	45	3		14	2	5	3		9	17	17	65	150
Phila, St. Lukes	241	213	13	18	18	2	5	2	215	19	133	41384	195
Taylor Mem'l.	50	258	40	10	84	6	20	4	440	120	149	230700	148
Pipe Creek	242				5	1	9	7		7	5	216	10167
Pittsville	5433	120	2	32	184	4	1	50		41	340	25400	120
Pocomoke Circ't	14	202	28	23	1	9	4		2	4	35	101187	116
Pocomoke City..	33	365	24		132		3	4		11	238	25277	150
Potomac, Va	14	217	8	6	122	1	21	2	219	19	240	25250	250
Powellville	222	30	25	5	25	4			12	40	330	....200	185
Prince George	125	1	1	1			1	1	1		16	40	
Quantico	75	1	1		3				2		317	2577	
Queen Anne	114	18	4		6				6	1	210	20100	132
Reliance	270	6			1	4			126	6	340	22290	125
Rowlandville	2173	2			3		2		7	2	220	675	
Salem	102	4	2		7	8		1	2	5	112	64	130
Salisbury	482	53	65		78	5	8	7	14	5	60	140128530	2135
Seaford, Del.	321				33	6	65	4		10	20	12115350	184
Selbyville, Del.	136				1	3	87	3	1	3	2	2283275	140
Sharptown	286				8	1	3	1		5	20	24535305	140
Snow Hili	268	18	1		1	9	27	2	2	1	1	23322263	255
Stewartstown Pa	215				19	1		3	1	8	18	24458258	265
St. James	189				26	2			16	27	23020290	154	
St. Michaels	182				1	3	4	2		10		340233290	150
Susquehanna	2251	9	7		9	2		2	21	9	335	92122125	225
Talbot													
Texas Mission	18	2			7		1		8	5	110	1047	135
Trinity	220	7	5	2	5		69	4		12	221	1175	269
Tyreanna & F'w	39										19	1295	
Union	32	362	144	110	3	14	1	2	3	2540	184	44896496	160
Union Bridge	76				3		7		3	2	218	....96	152
Wallace Me. Va.	16	11	11		11		3		3	2	120	16177	160
Warwick	190				6	4		1	16	8	332	8100	11
Washington:													
Cherrydale	92	3	3		14	5	12	1	1	5	1	120100333	130
First Church..	280				26	7	35	4	3	27	16	12996310	130
Georgetown	200				13	4		1		5	8	1171490	145
Mt. Tabor	71				1					7		11021105	120
N. C. Avenue	262				24	6		1	3	10	13	13054265	126
Park Road...	68	2	2		14	6				5		12865161	151
R. I. Avenue.	9461	23	8	4	51	30	146	6	5	8	21	15150434	181
Westminster	298				10	4		2		6	2	118180	160
Wilmington, Del	65	42	10	3	21	2		2	1	7	48	11322150	138
W. Wilming'n, Del	33	10			9	1	8			2	12	165075	
Whaleyville	132	197	25	1	8	1	47	2		35	220	30200	112
Williamsport	141	16	7		7	4	2	3	3	19	6	22829237	244
Wye	124				7	3	3		12	6	1154105	130	

## **PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS**

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CHARGE	PROPERTY.										ASSESSMENTS 1916-17										
	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.			Value of Parsonage Property.	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property.	Church Papers Taken	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Home.	Deaconess Home.
Deer Park.....	4	4	1	8000	1800	.....	6500	9	20	4	4	12	19	28	40	16	18	13	7	181	
Delmar, Del.....	1	1	1	7000	2500	2900	8250	25	19	4	4	9	14	24	35	14	15	13	6	157	
Delta, Pa.....	1	1	1	6000	3000	567	6000	6	22	5	5	14	13	34	47	19	22	12	7	200	
Denton.....	1	1	1	12000	2500	2820	7500	6	24	5	4	15	13	37	47	20	22	16	8	211	
Dorchester.....	4	4	1	6000	1500	.....	6000	24	24	5	4	15	14	37	47	20	22	16	8	212	
Dover, Del.....	1	1	1	11500	3500	3900	4300	8	10	4	2	6	8	16	22	9	10	7	3	97	
Easton.....	1	1	1	16250	2000	300	12885	15	43	9	7	26	9	64	87	35	40	29	14	363	
Elizabeth, N. J.....	1	1	1	17000	5500	4800	14300	7	30	6	5	19	15	42	58	22	26	18	9	250	
Fairfax, Va.....	4	4	1	5000	1800	.....	5925	11	12	4	3	8	10	19	28	11	12	8	4	119	
Fawn Grove, Pa.....	2	2	1	20000	3500	120	9000	17	25	6	6	18	15	40	55	22	25	17	8	237	
Federalsburg ...	1	1	1	10000	2000	800	5000	7	13	4	3	10	9	21	29	12	13	9	4	127	
Felton, Del.....	4	4	1	5000	2000	357	4500	1	12	4	3	8	11	19	28	11	12	8	4	120	
Finksburg.....	4	4	1	20000	2200	.....	11000	50	30	7	9	23	24	47	64	26	30	20	10	290	
1st Ch'b, Newark, N.J.....	1	1	1	90000	10000	4700	48500	20	65	10	13	42	37	99	134	55	63	39	29	579	
Franklin C'y, Va.....	4	4	1	7500	1000	.....	3100	11	28	4	5	15	18	38	50	20	22	15	8	228	
Frederick .....	4	4	1	5400	2000	.....	4900	15	22	5	5	14	21	34	47	19	21	15	7	210	
Geo'town, Del.....	1	1	1	7000	5000	2200	8600	7	20	5	4	12	11	28	40	16	18	13	7	174	
Geo'town Cir't.....	4	4	...	4500	..	...	3000	1	18	4	3	10	15	21	29	12	13	9	4	133	
Greensboro.....	1	1	1	3000	1900	950	2220	2	10	4	2	6	3	16	22	9	10	5	3	92	
Greenwood, Del.....	3	3	1	10000	2000	.....	10000	12	22	5	5	14	18	34	47	19	22	15	7	208	
Grove .....	4	4	1	8000	1600	.....	950	...	15	4	2	10	16	24	31	14	14	10	5	145	
Harbeson, Del.....	3	3	1	3200	1300	.....	1500	4	10	4	2	6	14	16	22	9	10	7	3	108	
Harmony.....	3	3	...	5500	.....	.....	1500	12	10	4	2	6	13	16	22	9	10	7	3	102	
Harpers F'y, W. Va.....	2	2	1	7000	3000	720	4000	2	18	3	3	8	4	20	30	12	14	12	6	140	
Harrington Del.....	1	1	1	15000	1675	50	5941	14	22	5	4	13	12	35	48	18	20	15	7	199	
Howard.....	4	3	1	12800	3100	350	10200	32	22	5	4	13	15	33	48	18	20	15	7	202	
Hurlock.....	3	3	1	8500	2500	1000	4900	6	15	4	3	10	9	24	31	14	14	8	5	137	
Indian River...	1	1	...	700	.....	.....	2	10	2	2	4	3	9	14	5	6	4	3	62		
Kemptown.....	5	5	1	10000	1200	.....	8200	40	30	7	9	23	27	47	64	26	30	20	10	28	
Kennedyville...	1	1	1	4950	1300	.....	4000	10	16	4	4	10	5	22	31	12	15	11	5	135	
Kent Island ...	2	2	1	6000	1800	.....	3000	16	20	4	4	12	5	32	45	17	20	13	7	179	
Laurel, Del.....	1	1	1	30000	4000	9900	15000	28	32	8	7	21	13	49	68	28	29	21	11	287	
Laurel Circuit..	4	4	1	5000	3000	250	4200	8	24	5	4	15	14	37	47	20	22	16	8	212	
Leeds.....	2	2	1	8000	2500	.....	7000	32	22	5	4	13	9	35	48	18	20	15	7	196	
Leipsic.....	1	1	1	3000	800	.....	2500	3	10	2	2	6	9	12	16	5	10	7	3	82	
Lewes, Del.....	1	1	...	4000	.....	35	2500	2	8	2	2	4	3	9	15	5	6	5	3	62	
Lewistown.....	2	2	1	2500	1200	50	2300	2	10	2	2	6	7	12	16	5	10	7	3	80	
Liberty .....	2	2	2	7000	2000	.....	5200	13	20	5	4	12	11	28	40	16	18	13	7	174	
Lisbon .....	5	5	1	8600	5000	451	10170	15	27	6	5	19	28	42	58	22	26	18	9	260	
Lynchburg, Va.....	1	1	1	20000	5000	400	5000	14	20	5	4	12	8	27	38	16	18	13	7	168	
Mardela .....	4	4	1	6500	1400	15	2000	9	20	5	4	12	23	30	43	17	20	13	7	194	
Marley.....	3	3	1	5200	1800	1265	3000	11	15	4	2	8	12	20	28	12	12	10	5	128	
Middleway, W. Va.....	1	1	1	800	500	.....	10	10	4	2	6	16	22	9	10	7	3	89			
Milford, Del.....	1	1	...	30000	400	184	15000	6	27	6	5	19	23	42	58	22	26	18	9	255	
Milton, Del.....	1	1	1	3800	2500	750	3300	5	18	4	4	12	11	25	37	15	16	12	6	160	
Mt. Nebo.....	3	3	1	9500	2200	2450	7075	7	18	4	4	12	18	25	37	15	16	12	6	167	
New Church Va.....	3	3	1	8700	2200	.....	3000	23	18	4	4	12	17	25	37	15	16	12	6	166	
Newmarket ....	4	4	1	13000	2000	80	9000	16	28	7	6	19	25	44	62	24	28	19	9	271	
Nichols Memo'l	4	3	2	13345	2400	4900	10225	...	6	2	2	4	10	9	15	5	6	4	2	65	
Northumber'l'd.	5	5	1	14000	1600	.....	2400	16	28	7	6	19	13	44	62	24	28	19	9	259	
Oak Grove .....	1	1	1	2500	1200	.....	1500	10	13	3	3	9	3	21	29	12	13	9	4	119	

## **PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS**

## Financial Summary

### Total for General Interests

	1916	1915	Increase	Decrease
President.....	\$ 3098	\$ 3069	\$ 29	\$
Conference.....	626	458	168	
Ministerial Education .....	591	589	2	
Seminary .....	1798	1758	40	
College.....	1592	1522	70	
Superannuates.....	4159	4075	84	
Church Extension.....	5637	5441	196	
Home Missions.....	2292	2338		46
Foreign Missions.....	2733	2727	6	
Church Home.....	1909	1840	69	
Deaconess Home .....	873		873	
Special for Missions.....	7878	7625		247
Miscellaneous .....	5253	6819		1566
Total .....	<b>\$37939</b>	<b>\$38261</b>		322

### Total for Local Interests

Pastor's Salary.....	\$108564	\$105534	\$ 3030	
Parsonage Rent .....	25426	25353	73	
Current Expenses.....	42545	40280	2265	
Sunday School Expenses.....	23243	22513	730	
Building and Improvements.....	88443	68334	20109	
Paid on Debt.....	32722	29579	3143	
Miscellaneous .....	35567	28719	6648	
Total for Local Interests .....	<b>356310</b>	<b>320312</b>	<b>35998</b>	
Total for all purposes.....	394249	358573	35676	

### Assessments

President .....	\$ 3147	\$ 3117		
Conference .....	713	507		
Ministerial Education .....	650	647		
Seminary .....	1995	1952		
College .....	1886	1819		
Superannuates.....	4711	4632		
Church Extension.....	6510	6409		
Home Missions.....	2630	2588		
Foreign Missions.....	2999	2967		
Deaconess Home.....	2052	2032		
Church Home.....	1042			

J. RALPH WRIGHT,  
Conference Steward.

## Statistical Summary

### Membership

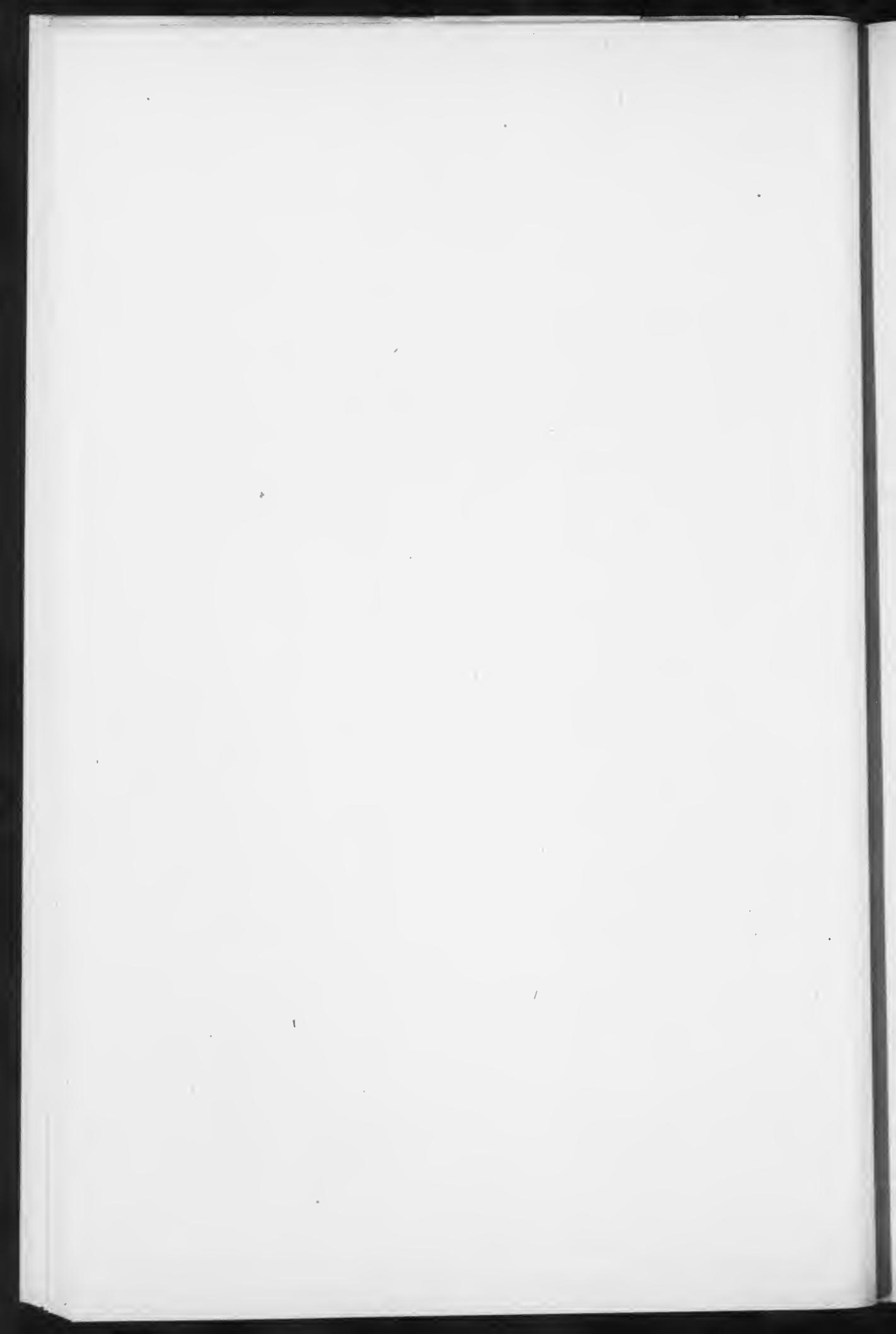
	1916	1915	Increase	Decrease
Ministers and Preachers.....	143	141	2	
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.....	71	64	7	
Probationers .....	1628	1441	187	
Full Members.....	31625	30564	1061	
Probationers Received.....	161	1643		26
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	1233	951	282	
Probationers Discontinued.....	199	213		32
Full Members Received.....	3162	2815	347	
Full Members Withdrawn .....	439	403	36	
Full Members Discontinued.....	1468	1023	445	
Full Members Deceased.....	350	310	40	
Adults Baptized .....	350	397		47
Children Baptized .....	1665	1638	27	
Conversions.....	3954	4422		468
Sunday Schools .....	280	274	6	
Sunday School Officers and Teachers .....	3999	3923	76	
New Scholars .....	4907	4727	180	
Sunday School Scholars on Roll.....	34185	33672	513	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	155	141	14	
Y. P. S. C. E. Members.....	6695	6020	675	
Junior C. E. Societies.....	73	61	12	
Junior C. E. Members .....	2831	2572	259	
Amount Contributed by both C. E. and Junior C. E. Societies for Foreign Missions.....	878		1189	
Contributed by C. E. and S. S. to Con. Un. Mis.	340			

### Property

Appointments.....	291	288	3	
Churches.....	289½	288½	1	
Parsonages.....	123	124		1
Value of Church Property.....	2582444	2512295	70149	
Value of Parsonage Property .....	377925	380700		2775
Debt on Churches and Parsonages.....	275145	249735	25410	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages.....	1265846	1244086	21760	
Subscribers to The Methodist Protestant.....	1642	1751		109

JAMES A. DUDLEY,  
CHAS. E. SHAW,  
Committee on Statistics.

	1916	1912	Increase	Decrease
Ministers.....	143	143		
Full Members.....	31625	28437	3188	
Sunday School Membership.....	34185	30512	3673	
Value of Church Property.....	2582444	2287006	295438	
Value of Church Property .....	377925	323075	54850	



# MANUAL

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## Rules of Order and Regulations

for the

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference.

**Rule I. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.** 1. Conference shall convene in Annual session on the first Wednesday in April, except in such years as Easter falls on the Sunday immediately following the first Wednesday, when it shall convene on the Wednesday following Easter.

2. The Pastor shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same. He shall also send the name to the President of the Conference and to the pastor of the Church where the Conference is held.

3. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

4. The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses of the Conference, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

**Rule II. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.** Duties of the President:—1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. See that the business of the Conference shall proceed according to these Rules of Order and other Rules and Regulations adopted by the Conference.

3. Shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference.

4. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

5. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

6. Announce each person rising to speak as soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."

7. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order, and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

8. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.

9. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate or for other purposes, but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

10. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

11. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

12. In the event of the death of any ministerial member or his wife or widow, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

13. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

14. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$800 for the minister with family, appointed as pastor, who has itinerated five years within the bounds of the Maryland Conference, and he shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of the salaries of the pastors, and upon all the churches the importance of being incorporated.

**Rule III. Duties of the Secretary:**—1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference, and be the Committee on Credentials.

6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of such written resolutions.

7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference and in the order of its presentation.

8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record: First, the standing committees in the order of their arrangement in these rules, and second, all other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.

9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.

10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.

11. Be the Committee on the Publication and distribution of the Minutes.

12. Supply the pastors with blanks, and send blank personal report blanks to all ministers who are not pastors, on which they are to state the relation to the Conference they desire for the ensuing year.

13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

14. Be the Committee on Transportation.

**Rule IV. Duties of Steward and Treasurer:**—1. The Conference Steward and the Treasurer shall constitute the Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from the pastors; and this Board shall be responsible to the Conference for all money and receipts and vouchers delivered to them.

2. They shall meet on Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock and open the pastors' envelopes containing the reports and collections; shall deliver the various parts of the reports as designated; shall count the money in the envelopes, noting its agreement with the statement of the Pastor's Financial Report, and prepare the collections for the Conference. The money in hand shall be passed by the Treasurer, who shall have charge of all the moneys of the Conference for distribution, upon order of the Conference Steward, which shall be the voucher of the Treasurer for his transactions, to the persons designated by the Conference to receive them. The Treasurer shall disburse money collected by the Conference for every purpose; in which transactions he shall perform the work assigned heretofore to the Superannuated Fund Steward and of the Church Extension Steward, as per special rules of each Society, and he shall continue in office until his successor shall be elected. He shall keep a ledger and open account with some accepted bank, and his accounts shall be open for inspection at all times to the President of the Conference, or one designated by him.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

**Rule V. COMMITTEES.** All committees shall be appointed by the President, except when otherwise directed in the Book of Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

2. **The Standing Committees shall be:**—1. Board of Finance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen, one of each order being members not on the Committee the previous year.

2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
  3. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.
  4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  6. Literature and Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  7. Young People's Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  8. Moral Reform—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  10. Official Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  11. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
  12. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This Committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
  13. Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
  14. President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
  15. Committee of Audit—2 ministers, 1 layman.
  16. Conference Program for the following session—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 3 Laymen.
  17. Appointees on the Executive Committee of Union of Young People's Work—3 Ministers (one of whom shall be the President), 2 Laymen.
  18. Our Church Home—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
3. Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.
4. When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Official Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to the Conference, either at that time or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.
5. The Committee on Official Relations shall read as a part of their report an "Honor Roll" of the charges which pay their assessments in full.

**Rule VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION:—**

1. At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

2. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question: "Shall his character pass?"

3. The Roll shall then be called, the Secretary reporting the names of absentees. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the chairman, or in his absence some member, of his Obituary Committee shall formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Memorial Roll by the Secretary.

4. At 8.00 o'clock on the evening of the first day of each session of the Annual Conference the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon, followed by the Lord's Supper. The President shall appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday. The time for holding Memorial Services for deceased members of the Conference shall be determined by the Conference Program Committee.

5. At 2.30 o'clock P. M. on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot as follows: 1. President. 2. Secretary. 3. Steward. 4. Treasurer. The Steward and Treasurer elected at one session shall serve at the following session, and they shall appoint two assistants with the approval of the Conference. 5. Standing District Committee, consisting of three ministers and three laymen. 6. Committee on Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

6. Examination of Official Character. At 10.00 o'clock Thursday morning the roll shall be called and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Relations.

7. The sessions of Friday and Saturday shall end at noon, that the Committees may have time for their work, and that the President may have opportunity to interview delegates and ministers.

**Rule VII. ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DAILY SESSIONS:—**

1. On each day following the opening session there shall be held a devotional service lasting thirty minutes, beginning at 9:00 o'clock A. M.

2. Reading of Minutes of the preceding day for correction and adoption.

3. Calling of the roll of charges in alphabetical order, for the presentation of any business by delegates or pastors from the churches they represent. When any such, upon recognition of the Chair, shall present any business it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business, or referred to the proper committee without motion.

4. Call for reports from Boards, Institutions and Societies, and communications, which shall be put upon the Secretary's desk to be taken up in regular order, or made the order of the day.

5. Reports of standing and special committees called for in order, and they shall be handed to the Secretary to be read by him. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

6. Miscellaneous business.

7. When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session and at a specific hour.

8. Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

9. Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

10. When any business is taken into consideration it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day or by adjournment.

**Rule VIII. DECORUM:**—1. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference, after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

2. If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

3. No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

4. When a member is called to order he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

5. In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference. The question on such appeal shall be taken without debate, but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustains the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

6. No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of the Conference, nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

7. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

8. Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

**Rule IX. MOTIONS:**—1. Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

2. Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

3. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the first three to be taken without debate; and the first always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

4. It shall be in order to move the previous question, or that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending—except in cases in which character is involved—and if sustained by two-thirds of members present the question shall be taken. It shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question or to move to lay on the table at the close of his speech in which the pending question has been discussed.

5. When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

6. No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

7. A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

8. No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment; but it shall be in order to move a substitute for the main question, and one amendment to the substitute, and if a substitute is accepted it shall replace the original proposition.

9. All motions to fix the place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

**Rule X. VOTING:**—1. Every member who is within the bar at the time a question is being put shall vote, unless the Conference for a special reason shall excuse him.

2. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question shall be put by the President, except by leave of Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

3. Votes for all Conference officers, the Committees on Appeals, Standing District Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and all other officers of all other organizations shall be by ballot. Otherwise, voting shall be by yea and nay; but a division of the house being called a count vote shall be taken, members rising in their places and standing until they shall have been counted.

4. A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

5. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

6. Ayes and nays, and a vote by orders shall be as prescribed in the Discipline.

**Rule XI. AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** All motions or resolutions, whether submitted by committees or individual members, contemplating an amendment to these Rules and Regulations, must so specify. Otherwise, such action shall not be binding upon any other session of the Conference than that at which the same is passed.

## REGULATIONS

**Regulation I. DUTIES OF PASTORS.** 1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference, admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under head of "Duties of Stewards", pp. 130, sec. 7.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, whenever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the Church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed Minister or Preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given the Minutes.

9. Pastors, when changing appointments, shall hand to their successors a plan of the work of the charge.

10. Station and Circuit Stewards shall furnish the pastor with a sufficient number of Disciplines, that he may be able to present each new member with a copy, in compliance with Disciplinary law.

11. That no minister of this Conference shall give his consent or assistance to building a church or parsonage on a lot that is not deeded unconditionally to an incorporated board of the Methodist Protestant Church.

**Regulation II. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.** 1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in division 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 129 and 130 of Discipline.

3. Every minister, preacher, and lay male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-five years shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4. Every member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-leader and Sunday-school Superintendent; and every male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.

5. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years.

6. The Conference strongly disapproves the secret ballot for the removal or return of the pastor, and condemns the complimentary vote that asks for the pastor's return in the public meeting and seeks his removal at the Annual Conference.

**Regulation III. THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.** 1. The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the property, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

2. The assessment of \$3,000 shall be continued under the name of "President's Salary," to be appropriated as follows: five-sixths of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. One-sixth of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage, who shall pay out of this amount, first, the interest on the purchase money; second, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property; third, the reduction of the principal of the loan.

**Regulation IV. RECORDS OF TRIAL CASES.** In all cases of the trial of a minister, the Secretary of the Trial Committee shall make a correct record of the proceedings of the trial, and turn the same over to the Secretary of the Conference, together with a copy of the charges, and specifications, a copy of the finding, or verdict of the Committee—and all other documentary evidence used in the trial, to be kept by the Secretary among the records of the Conference.

**Regulation V. WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AND SUPERNUMERARY REQUESTS.** All requests to be left without an appointment for the ensuing year, or for a supernumerary relation, shall be referred by the Conference to the Committee on Official Relations for consideration and report thereon before such requests shall be granted.

**Regulation VI. SABBATH SCHOOLS.** 1. As a preparation for more efficient study and teaching of the Word, teachers' meetings should be stat-edly held under the direction of the pastor or superintendent.

2. Pastors are directed to carry out the Disciplinary regulations concerning the organization of our Sabbath Schools into Foreign Missionary Societies and the taking of a collection every quarter for Foreign Missions.

3. Children's Day shall be faithfully observed by all our Sabbath Schools, and the money received on that day shall be exclusively devoted to the Children's Day offering for Foreign Missions.

**Regulation VII. OUR CHURCH HOME.** 1. Every charge shall elect a lady visitor for the benefit of Our Church Home, consistent with the character of that institution.

2. The list of charges failing to meet the requirement of the Conference relative to Our Church Home shall be read at each session of the Conference.

3. The second Sunday of November of each year shall be known as "Donation Day" for Our Church Home, and all our pastors are instructed to call the attention of their congregations thereto, and an endeavor made to have donations of provisions, groceries, and things needed to conduct the Home, sent to Mrs. Chas. Billingslea, Westminster, Md.

**Regulation VIII. ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.** No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

**Regulation IX. UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.** The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

**Regulation X. LOTTERIES.** The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

**Regulation XI. MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.** The placing of mortgage upon church property, for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is, so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

**Regulation XII. OBITUARIES.** 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the Rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in ad-

dition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

**Regulation XIII. MARRIAGES.** The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

**Regulation XIV. TITLES AND DEGREES.** Inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations—a degree which our better Colleges refuse to confer, and Universities do not confer for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies—we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence, and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity. Therefore, this Conference expresses its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees, and declines to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

**Regulation XV. UNFERMENTED WINE.** The Conference recommends the use of unfermented wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Regulation XVI. DROPPING MEMBERS.** Persons whose names are on the church register and cannot be found, or who have ceased to take an interest in the church, may be dropped from the record by a vote of the church; provided further, that in stations these changes may be made by the Quarterly Conference.

**Regulation XVII. PASTORS' MOVING EXPENSES.** As the Discipline grants the Annual Conference the right to "make such regulations as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the ministers and preachers," it is the judgment of this Conference that the charge to which a minister or preacher is assigned should pay the moving expenses of the incoming pastor.

**Regulation XVIII. CAMP-MEETINGS.** 1. Camp-meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:—

2. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's Day on the camp-ground or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

3. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraph, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Upon receiving from a quarterly conference a request for ministerial supply and a pledge that the above regulations will be faithfully observed, the President of the Annual Conference shall appoint members of this Conference to assist in conducting the camp-meeting.

6. In the absence of a request and a pledge such as are named above, the President shall not appoint such ministerial supply, nor shall any member of this Conference conduct such camp-meeting as pastor.

7. Appointees to camp-meeting service must be given four weeks' notice of their appointment. If they find it inconvenient to attend they shall

promptly present their excuse to the President. If the President declines to revoke their appointment, a failure to attend shall be reported to this Conference by the President.

**Regulation XIX. ELECTION OF DELEGATES.** 1st—In Stations. In stations the election of delegates shall be by the qualified members under the direction of the stewards and whose credentials must be signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting. The pastor shall announce the time and place of such meeting at least one Sunday before it is held, but in no case shall he preside at the election of delegates.

2nd—In Circuits. In circuits a vote of the qualified members shall be taken by the stewards in each church on the charge, after due announcement by the pastor, for a delegate to the annual conference. The votes shall be brought in separate packages to the quarterly conference where they shall be counted. Anyone receiving a majority of all votes cast shall be declared the delegate elect, but if no one receives a majority the quarterly conference shall proceed at once to the election of a delegate. When it is necessary for the quarterly conference to elect the delegate, someone other than the pastor shall preside during the election, and whose name, with the secretary of the quarterly conference, shall appear on the credentials of the delegate.

3rd. In both stations and circuits and also at the quarterly conference all voting shall be by ballot and the election must be held at least ten days before the session of the Annual Conference.

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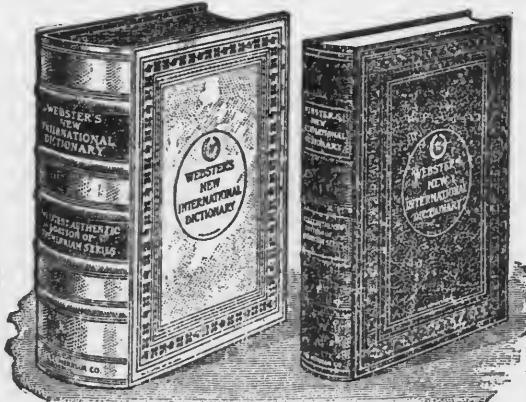
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